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PUBLIC RECORDS

OF THE

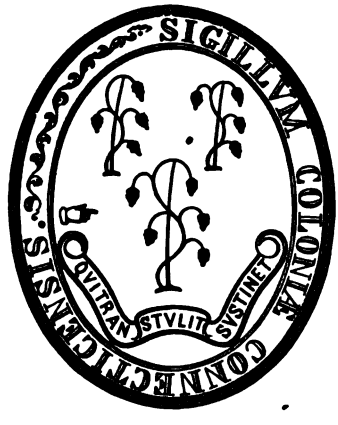
COLONY OF CONNECTICUT,

From May, 1775, to June, 1776, inclusive,

WITH THE JOURNAL OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY FROM JUNE 7, 1775, TO OCTOBER 2, 1776,

AND

AN APPENDIX CONTAINING SOME COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS, 1663–1710.



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PREFACE.

Besides the matter contained in the latter part of the manuscript volume XI, and last, of the Records of the Colony of Connecticut, this book contains the record of the Council of Safety from their first sitting, June 7th, 1775, to October 2d, 1776, which was their last meeting before the session of the first General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, held on the second Thursday of that month.

The Journal of the Council of Safety extends to November 15th, 1783. It is comprised in four volumes. Volume I, from which is taken what is here printed, is made up of a number of thin books of irregular size, folio and quarto, bound together. The book is not in the best condition, but was carefully copied in the early part of the present century.

The Appendix contains some proceedings of the Governor and Council between 1663 and 1710, all which, except the first, have been discovered since the publication of previous volumes.

Number I is taken from the record in the Secretary's office.

Number II is from a transcript of the Council Records received from the State Paper office in London by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For this I was indebted to the late Oliver Warner, sometime Secretary of that Commonwealth. I printed it in 1875, in connection with Gershom Bulkeley's book *Will and Doom*, of which, unfortunately, the whole edition, save a single copy, was destroyed by a fire at the printing-office, and it has not since been republished.

Numbers III and IV are from a considerable collection of ancient papers lately presented to the State Library by the Honorable Robert C. Winthrop and his son, Robert C. Winthrop Jr.

Numbers V and VI were very kindly furnished by General Rush C. Hawkins, of New York City. They were obtained originally from the last male descendant of the Wyllys family and name.

The Journal of neither House of the General Assembly for any session in the years 1775, 1776, is known to exist.

The Journal of the Governor and Council for the same years, distinguished from the Council of Safety, is not extant. One act of theirs is printed in a note on page 100 of this book.

With this volume terminates the series of Colonial Records of Connecticut, the publication of which was begun forty years ago. My editorial labors commenced with volume fourth, 1689–1706, which appeared in 1868. To all who in any way have aided the work I return sincere thanks.

Charles J. Hoadly

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THE PUBLIC RECORDS

OF THE

COLONY OF CONNECTICUT.

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Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quinto.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN SAID COLONY ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MAY, BEING THE ELEVENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS UNTIL THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF THE SAME MONTH, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1775.

Present:

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
William Samuel Johnson, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Joseph Spencer, Esqr,
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
James Abraham Hilhouse, Esqr, } *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Colo. Samuel Wyllys, for Hartford.
Maj^r Thomas Belding, for Weathersfield.
Mr. William Wolcott, Colo. Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Judah Holcomb, Mr. Asael Holcomb, for Symsbury.
Capt. Henry Allyn, Capt. Josiah Phelps, for Windsor.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. Jonathan Root, for Farmington.
Mr. Alexander King, Capt. John Leavitt, for Suffield.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Joseph Smith, for Hadam.
Maj^r Henry Champion, Doct^r John Watrous, for Colchester.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Capt. Emery Pease, for Somers.
[448] Capt. Benja. Buell, Capt. Obadiah Horsford, for Hebron.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, for Glastonbury.
Colo. Mathew Talcott, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Mr. Benja. Trumbull, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Capt. Solomon Willes, Capt. Samuel Chapman, for Toland.
Maj^r Elijah Fenton, Capt. Timothy Pearl, for Willington.
Maj^r Nath^ll Terry, Mr. Nath^ll Chapin, for Enfield.
Mr. David Sage, Mr. Ebenezer White, for Chatham.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Capt. Jonathan Fitch, for New Haven.
Colo. James Wadsworth, Mr. Daniel Hall, for Durham.
Colo. Andrew Ward, Mr. John Burgiss, for Guilford.
Capt. John Holbrook, Mr. Joseph Hull, for Darby.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Colo. Jonathan Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Capt. John Fowler, Mr. Ephraim Strong, for Milford.
Capt. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Samuel Beach, Capt. Thadeus Cook, for Wallingford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hillhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benjamin Huntington, Mr. Samuel Huntington, for Norwich.
Maj^r Charles Phelps, Mr. Nathaniel Minor, for Stonington.
Capt. Elnathan Stevens, Capt. John Pierson, for Killingworth.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Capt. Roger Sterry, Colo. John Tyler, for Preston.

Mr. Marshfield Parsons, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Capt. John Ely, for Saybrook.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, Capt. Samuel Squire, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Capt. Ichabod Lewiss, for Stratford.
Colo. Charles Webb, Colo. David Waterbury, for Stamford.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Mr. Thomas Taylor jun., for Danbury.
Capt. Lemuel Morehouse, for Ridgfield.
Mr. William Hawley, for Reding.
Mr. Thomas Belding, for Norwalk.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell, Capt. Nehemiah Beardslee, for New Fairfield.
Maj^r John Mead, Mr. Peter Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. John Beach jun^r, for Newtown.
Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin, Mr. Ebenezer Devotion, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Mr. Jonathan Trumbull jun^r, for Lebanon.
Colo. Experience Storrs, Mr. Nath^ll Atwood, for Mansfield.
Capt. Elisha Child, Capt. Samuel McClellen, for Woodstock.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Mr. Stephen Crosby, Capt. Eleazer Warren, for Killingley.
General Israel Putnam, Mr. Elisha Lord, for Pomfret.
Capt. Benja. Sumner, Capt. Ichabod Ward, for Ashford.
Capt. James Bradford, Mr. William Robinson, for Plainfield.
[449] Maj^r James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Maj^r David Welch, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbel jun., Capt. Eliphalet Whittelsey, for Kent.
Mr. Asahel Bebee, Capt. Samuel Forbes, for Canaan.
Maj^r Ebenezer Gay, Mr. James Pardy, for Sharon.
Maj^r Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Bordman, for New Milford.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Samuel Nash, for Goshen.
Maj^r Abel Merrell, Mr. Zebulon Merrell, for New Hartford.
Mr. Heman Swift, Capt. Thomas Porter, for Cornwall.

Maj^{r} Epaphras Sheldon, Mr. Noah Marshall, for Torrington.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Mr. Mark Prindle, for Harwington.
Capt. Zebulon Butler, Maj^{r} Ezekiel Pierce, for Westmoreland.
William Williams, Esqr, Speaker } of the House of Repre-
Richard Law, Esqr, Clerk } sentatives.

This day being appointed by the royal charter and the laws of this Colony for the Election of the public officers of the Colony, *viz.:* Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Treasurer and Secretary, proclamation was made in manner accustomed, and then the votes of the freemen were given in to the persons appointed by the Assembly to receive, sort and count them, and to declare the names of such persons as shall be chosen to any of the aforementioned offices according to law; which persons so appointed were: Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Sheldon, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Abraham Davenport, Oliver Wolcott, James Abraham Hilhouse, Esq^{rs}, Colo. John Pitkin, Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Samuel Bishop, Colo. James Wadsworth, Mr. Benjamin Huntington, Major Charles Phelps, Capt. Samuel Squire, Maj^{r} John Mead, Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin, Mr. Jonathan Trumbull jun^{r}, Colo. Joshua Porter and Capt. Increase Mosely, who were all sworn to a faithful discharge of that trust.

And the votes of the freemen being brought in, sorted and counted,

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, is chosen Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, is chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, Shubael Conant, Esqr, Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr, Jabez Huntington, Esqr, William Pitkin, Esqr, Roger Sherman, Esqr, Abraham Davenport, Esqr, William Samuel Johnson, Esqr, Joseph Spencer, Esqr, Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, and Samuel Huntington, Esqr, were chosen Assistants for the year ensuing.

[450] John Lawrence, Esqr, is chosen Treasurer of this Colony for the year ensuing.

George Wyllys, Esqr, is chosen Secretary of this Colony for the year ensuing.

The Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony, and the oath required by act of Parliament made and passed in the fourth year of the reign of his Majesty George the third, entituled An act for granting certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America &c., were in due form and manner administered to the Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, now chosen Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, who thereupon took the Governor's chair.

The Deputy Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, now chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony, who thereupon took the Deputy Governor's chair.

The Assistant's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administred to Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, William Samuel Johnson, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott, and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, now chosen Assistants over this Colony, who thereupon took their seats at the Council Board.

The Treasurer's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to John Lawrence, Esqr, now chosen Treasurer of this Colony.

The Secretary's oath appointed by the law of this Colony was duly administred to George Wyllys, Esqr, now chosen Secretary of this Colony.

Ordered, That William Wolcott and Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, return the thanks of this Assembly to the Revd Joseph Perry, for his sermon delivered before the Assembly on the 11th instant, and desire a copy thereof, that it may be printed.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, to be Chief Judge of the Superior Courts in this Colony for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Pitkin, and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, to be Judges of the Superior Courts in this Colony for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

[451] This Assembly do appoint Shubael Conant, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Talcott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of East Hadam the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Midletown the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Pinney, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stafford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Whitman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Farmington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Owen, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Symsbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Whiting, Esqr, to be Judge

of the Court of Probate for the district of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Eliott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Guilford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norwich the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stonington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Silliman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Benedict, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Williams, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Pomfret the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Sherman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Woodbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the year ensuing.

[452] This Assembly do appoint William Wolcott, Seth Wetmore, Samuel Talcott and Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, John Pitkin, Benjamin Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Oliver Elsworth, Elisha Williams, Solomon Wells, Thomas Belding, Josiah Bissell, Henry Allyn, Roger Newberry, Charles Elsworth jun^{r}, Nathaniel Chauncey, Mathew Talcott, Richard Alsop, Titus Hosmer, Solomon Whitman, Joseph Hart, Jared Lee, John Strong, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee jun^{r}, Fisher Gay, Stephen Hotchkiss, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Jonathan Pettibone, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphry, Joseph Welles, Jabez Brainerd, Joseph Brooks, William Wells, Elizur Talcott, Jonathan Wells, Alexander King, Daniel Brainerd, Jabez Chapman, Dyer Throop, Samuel Huntington, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion of Colchester, David Barber, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert, Ephraim Terry, Joseph Olmsted, Benjamin Talcott, Thomas Pitkin, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman, Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, David Sage, Nathaniel Freeman, Ebenezer White, Reuben Sikes, Emery Pease, John Leavitt, Asahel Holcomb, Benjamin Colton, Jesse Root, Silas Dean, George Pitkin, John Chester, and Samuel Eastabrook, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Collins, Esqr, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Hartford for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Darling, John Fowler, Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, James Abraham Hilhouse, John Whiting, Daniel Lyman, Samuel Sacket, Samuel Hemingway, Caleb Beecher, Simeon Bristol, Enos Alling, David Wooster, David Baldwin, Ephraim Strong, Charles French, John Daviss, Joseph Hull junr, John Wooster, Thomas Mathews, Joseph Hopkins, Jonathan Baldwin, Timothy Judd, Samuel Lewiss, Phineas Royce, Aaron Lyman, Dan Johnson, Caleb Hall, Oliver Stanly, Reuben Atwater, Nathaniel Ruggles, Timothy Todd, John Burgiss, Samuel Brown, Oliver Dudley, Samuel Barker, Josiah Rogers, James Barker, William Gould, William Greenough, Lamberton Smith junr, Joel Hotchkiss, Gideon Buckingham, Samuel Beach, Eliakim Hall, and Timothy Hill, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Caleb Cook to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Coit, William Hilhouse, Jeremiah Miller, and Samuel Selden, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Law, Gurdon Saltonstall, John Murdock, John Hemsted, Joshua Raymond, Jonathan Lattimer junr, Winthrop Saltonstall, John Still Winthrop, William Whiting, Ebenezer Hartshorn, Elisha Fitch, Jacob Perkins, Simon Tracy junr, Benja. Huntington, Elisha Lathrop, Christopher Leffingwell, Samuel Tracy, Rufus Lathrop, Nehemiah Huntington, Nathaniel Backus, Daniel Bishop, William Witter, Benjamin Coit, Samuel Mott, Robert Crary, John Tyler, Joseph Dennison, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Nathaniel Minor, Stephen Babcock, Joseph Palmer, Luke Perkins, William Williams, Nathan Smith, Benadam Gallop, William Avery, Robert Geer, Ebenezer Ledyard, Thomas Mumford, William Morgan, Benjamin Lee, John Lay 2d, Samuel Ely, Samuel Holden Parsons, Eleazer Mather, William Noyes, Hezekiah Whittelsey, John Ship-

man, Justus Buck, Benjamin Williams, William Worthington, Elnathan Stephens, Aaron Eliott, John Pierson, Theophilus Morgan, David Avery, Ezra Selden, Sam[ll] Leffingwell jun[r], Richard Wait, Samuel Field, and Roger Sterry, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace for the county of New London the year ensuing.

[453] This Assembly do appoint Samuel Adams, Robert Fairchild, Joseph Platt, and Joseph Platt Cook, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Brooks, Daniel Judson, Ichabod Lewiss, David Wilcoxson, Daniel Fairchild, James Walker, Philip Nichols, Samuel Odell, Ebenezer Silliman, Gold Selleck Silliman, Nathan Bulkley, Jonathan Sturgess, Samuel Bradley, Ebenezer Banks, Abraham Andrews, David Cooley, Samuel Wakeman, Thomas Belding, Thomas Fitch, Samuel Fitch, Elias Betts, Theophilus Fitch, Thomas Youngs, Charles Webb, David Waterbury jun[r], Benjamin Weed, Messenger Palmer, Peter Mead, John Mead, Amos Mead, Samuel Olmsted, Philip Burr Bradley, Daniel Cooley, Thomas Benedict, Samuel Taylor, Daniel Taylor, Thadeus Benedict, Ephraim Hubbell, Thomas Brush, Nehemiah Beardslee, Alexander Stewart, Zacheus Towner, Richard Fairman, John Chandler, John Read, Lemuel Sanford jun[r], David Wood of Greenwich, Joseph Bradley of Fairfield, and William Hawley of Redding, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace within and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Henry Peek a Justice of the Peace within and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Joshua West, Ebenezer Williams, and William Williams, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Gray, Jedidiah Elderkin, Nathaniel Wales jun[r], Jacob Simons, Hezekiah Manning, Ebenezer Devotion, Benajah Bill, John Clark, Joseph Storrs,

John Salter, Elijah Dyer, Eliashib Adams, Elijah Whiton, Benjamin Sumner, Nathaniel Child, Samuel Child junr, Jedidiah Morse, Charles Church Chandler, John Grosvenor, Thomas Williams, Samuel Craft, Nathan Frink, Isaac Coit, James Bradford, Jacob Dresser, Thomas Moffatt, Bryant Brown, William Danielson, Phineas Strong, Ephraim Root, Abraham Burnap, Jeremiah Keeney, Robert Dixson, Samuel Stewart, Abner Sessions, and Solomon Wales, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Bushnell Bostwick, and Joshua Porter, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum within and for the county of Litchfield for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, David Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everet, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Thomas Warner, Joseph Pierce, Paul Welch, Samuel Bostwick, Samuel Canfield, Joseph Ruggles, William Cogswell, John Ransom, Daniel Lee, Nathan Eliott, Ephraim Hubbel junr, Daniel Griswold, John Canfield, Joseph Lord, James Landon, John Hutchinson, Charles Burrall, Elisha Baker, Samuel Forbes, Thomas Russell, Heman Swift, Thomas Porter, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, John Cook, Epaphras Sheldon, Abijah Catlin, Daniel Catlin, Mathew Gillett, Zebulon Merrell, Michael Humphry, Giles Pettibone, Nehemiah Andruss, Zebulon Butler, Nathan Dennison, Silas Park, and Edward Hinman, Esqrs, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Vinsent, William Judd, and Bezaleel Tyler, Esqrs, Justices of the Peace for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

An Act for making and naming a District for a Court of Probate at Westmoreland and for erecting a Court of Probate therein.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the town of Westmoreland shall be one district of or

for a court of probate, and shall be called and known by the name of the District of Westmoreland; and that in said district there shall be a court of probate held by one judge, to be appointed and commissioned for that purpose according to law; who shall have a clerk by him to be appointed and sworn to that office; which court shall have and exercise the [454] same powers, authorities and || privileges that the other courts of probate in this Colony by law have and are respectively vested with. And all appeals from said courts of probate shall be regulated and governed according to the order and directions of the law respecting appeals from courts of probate in this Colony.

An Act in further Addition to an Act intituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the town of Westmoreland shall be one entire regiment, distinguished and call'd by the name of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, and shall be under the same rules and orders, and have the same powers, privileges and advantages, as other regiments of this Colony by law have.

An Act in further Addition to an Act intituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the towns of Midletown and Chatham shall be one entire regiment, distinguished and called by the name of the Twenty-third Regiment, and shall be under the same rules and orders, and have the same powers, privileges and advantages, as other regiments of this Colony by law have.

An Act in Alteration of the Law of this Colony intituled An Act for the Direction of Listers in their Office and Duty.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future the listers of each town in this Colony may give warning to the inhabitants of their respective towns to give in the lists of their polls and rateable estate by

a notification in writing, signed by the listers in such town, and by them or their order posted up in the month of July annually on the publick sign-posts in every town, and also on some sign-post or public place in the center of every society in such town, thereby giving notice to all persons obliged by law to pay taxes to give in their respective lists according to law; which warning, so posted up as aforesaid, shall be as sufficient notice to all persons to give in their lists to the listers as by law directed, as if the same had been given personally or as by said act provided; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act in Addition to an Act made and passed at a General Assembly holden at Hartford on the second Wednesday of January, 1774, incorporating and constituting the Town of Westmoreland.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the bounds of the town of Westmoreland be, and they are hereby, extended westward until it meets with the line lately settled with the Indians at Fort Stanwix, commonly called the Stanwix Line, bounding north and south on the north and south lines of this Colony. And the inhabitants on said tract of land annexed as aforesaid are hereby incorporated with said town of Westmoreland, and the same is hereby annexed to the county of Litchfield, to be under the same regulations and restrictions as are in and by said act incorporating said town of Westmoreland provided.

[455] This Assembly do appoint Joseph Slueman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate in and for the district of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Slueman, Esqr, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

Whereas a sum of money is necessary for payment of incident charges of government:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,

That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of fifty thousand pounds bills of credit on this Colony, equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations as the committee herein appointed shall direct, and of the same tenor with the late emission of bills of credit of this Colony, without interest, payable at or before the first day of June *A. Dom.* 1778, dated the first day of June, A. D. 1775. And Jabez Hamlin, William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne, Thomas Seymour, and Jesse Root, Esqrs, or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care said bills be imprinted with all convenient speed, and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor. And the said committee shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the order of Assembly.

And, for providing an ample and sufficient fund to call in, sink and discharge, the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid,

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a tax of seven pence on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony, according to the list thereof to be brought into this Assembly in October, 1776, with the additions; which tax shall be collected and paid into the treasury of this Colony by the first day of June, *A. Dom.* 1778; which tax may be discharged by paying the bills of this Colony of this emission or lawful money. And the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send forth his warrants for collecting the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Embargo laid by the General Assembly at their sessions in April last be continued on the several articles mentioned in the act of said Assembly laying said embargo, until the first day of August next, and the same is continued by this Assembly; and his Honor the Governor is desired to issue his proclamation accordingly. Provided nevertheless, that his Honor the Governor by and

with the advice of the Council be and are hereby impowered to discontinue such embargo, in whole or in part, at any time when it may be judged proper and expedient.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be provided ninety marquee or officers tents, and five hundred tents for private soldiers, and also cloath for forty-eight marquee tents and four hundred and sixty tents for private soldiers; one thousand and ninety-eight iron pots that will contain about ten quarts each, unless a number of tin kettles are already provided, in which case the number of pots be reduced to the number that will remain after deducting said kettles: but if the number of pots cannot be procured, then the defect to be supplied with tin kettles; and one thousand and ninety-eight pails; two brass kettles that will contain from eight to twelve gallons for the use of each company; two thousand and five hundred wooden bowls in the whole; four frying-pans for the use of each company; six thousand quart runlets; sixty drums and one hundred and twenty fifes, all for the use of said troops; six standards, one for each regiment, distinguished by their colour as follows, *viz:* for the first yellow, for the second blue,* for the third scarlet, for the fourth crimson, for the fifth white, and for the sixth azure; a medicine chest and apparatus, to the value not exceeding forty pounds, for each regiment, under the direction of the respective surgeons, with a capital set of instruments for the use of the whole corps on each particular destination, and that whatever of medicine, apparatus and instruments are left or not used be returned for the use of the Colony; about seventy books each in quarto consisting of one quire of paper covered with cartledge paper, two ream of writing paper immediately, also ten ream of paper for making cartridges; and also one cart or waggon for each company.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the allowance of provisions for said troops be as follows, *viz.:* three-quarters of a pound of pork or one pound of beef, and also

* Green was substituted by order of the Council of Safety, it having been found difficult to procure blue.

one pound of bread or flour with three pints of beer to each man per day: the beef to be fresh two days in the week; and also half a pint of rice or a pint of indian meal, and also six ounces of butter, also three pints of pease or beans to each [456] man per week; also one jill of || rum to each man upon fatigue per day, and not at any other time; milk, molasses, candles, soap, vinegar, coffee, chocolate, sugar, tobacco, onions in their season, and vegetables, be provided for said troops at the discretion of the general and field officers.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That one shilling and six pence shall be paid to each of said men who shall supply themselves with three pounds of ball, also three shillings for a pound of powder, and three pence for a half a dozen of flints: in case of failure such defect to be supplied by the selectmen of each town, respectively, out of the town stock; and in case of further failure the deficiency of three pounds of ball, one pound of powder and six flints to each man shall be supplied out of the stock of ammunition belonging to this Colony, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to order the same, accordingly. Those troops who march eastward to be supplied out of the Colony stock at New London, Norwich, Windham or Mansfield; and that the account of powder, ball and flints that shall be supplied by the several towns shall be adjusted by two Assistants or justices of the peace and delivered to the selectmen of such respective town, who shall present the same to the Committee of the Pay Table, who shall give an order on the Treasurer to pay the sum due to such selectmen accordingly. And that the paymaster of each company shall take a particular account of the powder, ball and flints that each person belonging to such company shall provide for himself, and shall procure an order on the Treasurer from the Committee of the Pay Table for the sums due for the same according to the rates aforesaid; and such paymaster shall receive and pay the same to each person to whom it is due accordingly. And that five thousand of the flints that belong to this Colony shall be sent to New London, and five thousand of do. to Norwich, ten thousand of do. to Windham, five thousand of do. to remain at New

Haven, three thousand of do. be sent to Fairfield, and two thousand be sent to Litchfield, and delivered to the keepers of the Colony stores in those places. And that one ton of the ball belonging to the Colony in the care of the Treasurer be forthwith sent to Windham.

An Act for encouraging the Manufacturing Fire-Arms and Military Stores within this Colony for the Safety and Defence thereof.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be procured, as soon as may be, three thousand stands of arms for the use of this Colony, of the following dimensions, *viz:* the length of the barrel of the gun three feet and ten inches, the diameter of the bore from inside to inside three-quarters of an inch, the length of the blade of the bayonet sixteen inches, the length of the socket four inches and one quarter; that the barrels of the guns to be of a suitable thickness, with iron ramrods, with a spring in the lowest loop to secure the ramrods; a good substantial lock, well mounted with brass and marked with the name or initial letters of the maker's name.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a bounty of five shillings shall be given for every stand of arms, including a good lock, that shall be manufactured within this Colony by or before the 20th day of October next: provided the same be not made for or sold to any person not belonging to this Colony; and also that a bounty or premium of one shilling and six pence be given for every good gun-lock that shall be made and manufactured within this Colony by or before the 20th day of October next; and that all such arms made and manufactured in this Colony by or before the 20th day of October next shall be purchased by this Colony at a reasonable price over and above the premium or bounty aforesaid.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That William Williams, William Hillhouse, James Wadswor h, Titus Hosmer, Ichabod Lewiss, Ebenezer Norton, and Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee

to procure said fire-arms to be made and compleated according to the direction of this act. And said committee are hereby ordered and directed forthwith to make enquiry what number of fire-arms and gun-locks may probably be made and furnished in the several parts of this Colony by the 20th day of October next, and report the same to his Honor the Governor as soon as may be. And said committee are also hereby impowered and directed to receive such sums of money out of the public treasury as may be necessary to pay for the arms that shall be made and compleated pursuant to this act by the time limited as aforesaid, with the bounty and pre-[457] mium aforesaid; and the Treasurer of this || Colony is hereby ordered and directed to pay the same accordingly; and said committee are hereby directed to pay the same to the several persons to whom it is due pursuant to this act, according to the orders and directions they shall receive from the General Assembly of this Colony for that purpose, and to receive and secure such arms so purchased for the use and benefit of this Colony.

And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a bounty or premium of ten pounds shall be given for every fifty pounds weight of salt petre that shall be made and manufactured from material found in this Colony within one year next after the rising of this Assembly, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser quantity; and also that a bounty or premium of five pounds shall be given for every hundred pounds weight of sulphur that shall be made and manufactured within this Colony from materials found in any of the British Colonies on the continent in America within one year next after the rising of this Assembly, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser quantity.

An Act for regulating and ordering the Troops that are or may be raised for the Defence of this Colony.

Whereas God in his providence hath been pleased in great mercy to bestow upon the inhabitants of this Colony all the rights, liberties and immunities of the free and natural born subjects of the realm of England, which have been established and confirmed by a sacred compact and secured by a

Royal Charter; which rights, liberties and immunities were the birthright of our brave, virtuous and religious ancestors whilst in England, who rather than submit to religious or civil tyranny chose to leave their pleasant seats and all their happy prospects in their native country, bravely encountered the danger of untried seas and coasts of a howling wilderness, barbarous men and savage beasts, at the expence of their ease and safety of their blood, their treasure and their lives, transplanted and reared the English constitution in these wilds upon the strong pillars of civil and religious liberty, and having led the way by their great example bequeathed their inestimable purchase as a sacred and unalienable legacy to their posterity, who have ever since united the sincerest loyalty to their sovereign and the warmest affection for their elder brethren in England with the enjoyment of their aforesaid rights, liberties and immunities, nor have they till lately been thought incompatible.

And whereas since the close of the last war the British Parliament claiming a power of right to bind the people of America by statute *in all cases whatsoever*, hath in some acts expressly imposed taxes upon them, and in others, under various pretences but in fact for the purpose of raising a revenue, hath imposed rates and duties payable in these Colonies, established a Board of Commissioners with unconstitutional powers, and extended the jurisdiction of Courts of Admiralty not only for collecting said duties but also for the tryal of causes merely arising within the body of a county.

And whereas in consequence of other statutes, judges who before held only estates at will in their offices have been made to depend on the crown alone for their salaries, and standing armies kept in time of peace; and it has been lately resolved in Parliament that by force of a statute made in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of King Henry the eighth, colonists may be transported to England and tryed there upon accusations for treasons and misprisions, or concealment of treasons, committed, or alledged to be committed, in the Colonies; and by a late statute such tryals have been directed in cases therein mentioned.

And whereas three acts of Parliament have been passed, by one of which the Port of Boston is shut up and thousands reduced from affluence to poverty and distress; by another the charter of the Province of the Massachusets Bay is subverted and destroyed; and by the third, under pretence of the impartial administration of justice, all hope of justice is taken away in certain cases.

And whereas another statute hath been made by which the Roman Catholic Religion is established, the equitable system of English laws are abolished, and a tyranny erected, in the Province of Quebec, to the great danger of the neighbouring Colonies; and also in the present session of Parliament another act is passed by which the New England Colonies are in a great measure deprived of their trade and fishery, the blessings which God and nature have indulged them being thus attempted by force to be wrested from them.

And whereas all our humble, dutifull and loyal petitions to the throne for redress of grievances have been treated with contempt, or passed by in silence by his Majesty's ministers of state, and the refusal to surrender our just rights, liberties and immunities, hath been stiled Rebellion, and fleets and armies have been sent into a neighbouring Colony to force them to submit to slavery and awe the other Colonies to submission by the example of vengeance inflicted on her, who have, besides the usual calamities and insults that proceed from standing armies, fortified the town of Boston, driven the peaceable inhabitants from their dwellings, and imbrued [458] their || hands in the blood of our countrymen; all which acts and measures have relation to all the British Colonies in the principles from which they flow, and are evidently intended to force or terrify them into a submission to Parliamentary taxation, or at least into a surrender of their property at the pleasure of the British Parliament, and in such proportion as they shall please to prescribe, with which we must comply or lye at the mercy of those who cannot know our situation and circumstances, and will be interested to oppress and enslave us. Our liberty, our lives and property, will become precarious and dependant upon the will of men

over whom we can have no check or controul. Religion, property, personal safety, learning, arts, public and private virtue, social happiness and every blessing attendant on liberty, will fall victims to the principles and measures advanced and pursued against us, whilst shameless vice, infidelity, irreligion, abject dependance, ignorance, superstition, meanness, servility and the whole train of despotism, present themselves to our view in melancholy prospect.

And whereas, although this Assembly wish for no new rights and privileges, and desire only to preserve their antient constitution as it has been understood and practised upon from the beginning, freely yielding to the British Parliament the regulation of our external commerce, for the purpose of securing the commercial advantages of all the dominions of our sovereign to the mother country, and the commercial benefits of its several members excluding every idea of taxation for raising a revenue without our consent, and claiming only a right to regulate our internal police and government, and are most earnestly desirous of peace and deprecate the horrors of war: Yet, when they see military preparations against them at hand, and the hopes of peace and harmony placed at a greater distance, being fully determined never to make a voluntary sacrifice of their rights, not knowing how soon parliamentary and ministerial vengeance may be directed against them immediately, as it is now against the Province of Massachusets Bay, who are suffering in the common cause of British America, trusting in the justice of their cause and the righteous providence of Almighty God, for the restoration of quiet and peace, or for success in their efforts for their defence, have thought it their duty to raise troops for the defence of this Colony.

And whereas it is necessary that such troops, both officers and soldiers, should be made acquainted with their duty, and that articles, rules and regulations should be established to preserve order, good government and discipline in the army, agreeable to the mild spirit of our constitution, and not according to the severities practiced in standing armies.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same,

Art. I. That all officers and soldiers, not having just impediment, shall diligently frequent divine service and sermon in the places appointed for the assembling the regiment, troop or company, to which they belong, and such as wilfully absent themselves, or being present behave indecently or irreverently, shall, if commissioned officers, be brought before a regimental court martial, there to be publickly and severely reprimanded by the president: if non-commissioned officers or soldiers, every person so offending shall for his first offence forfeit one shilling to be deducted out of his wages; for his second offence, he shall not only forfeit one shilling but be confined not exceeding twenty-four hours; and for every like offence shall suffer and pay in like manner; which money, so forfeited, shall be applied to the use of the sick soldiers of the troop or company to which the offender belongs.

Art. II. That whatsoever non-commissioned officer or soldier shall use any unlawful oath or execration shall incur the penalties expressed in the first article; and if a commissioned officer be thus guilty of prophane cursing or swearing, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offence the sum of four shillings, lawful money.

Art. III. That any officer or soldier who shall behave himself with contempt or disrespect towards the general or generals or commander-in-chief, or shall speak words tending to his or their hurt or dishonour, shall be punished according to the nature of his offence by the judgment of a general court-martial.

[459] Art. IV. That any officer or soldier who shall begin, excite, cause or join in any mutiny or sedition in the regiment, troop or company to which he belongs, or in any other regiment, troop or company of the forces of this Colony, either by land or sea, or in any party, post, detachment or guard, on any pretence whatsoever, shall suffer such punishment as by a general court-martial shall be ordered.

Art. V. That any officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier who, being present at any mutiny or sedition, does not use his utmost endeavours to suppress the same, or coming to the knowledge of any mutiny or intended mutiny does not without delay give information thereof to the commanding officer, shall be punished by order of a general court-martial according to the nature of his offence.

Art. VI. That any officer or soldier who shall strike his superior officer, or draw or offer to draw, or shall lift up any weapon, or offer any violence against him, being in the execution of his office, on any pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful commands of his superior officer, shall suffer such punishment as shall, according to the nature of his offence, be ordered by the sentence of a general court-martial.

Art. VII. That any non-commissioned officer or soldier who shall desert, or without leave of his commanding officer absent himself from the troop or company to which he belongs, or from any detachment of the same, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be punished according to the nature of his offence, at the discretion of a general court-martial.

Art. VIII. That whatsoever officer or soldier shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other officer or soldier to desert shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court-martial.

Art. IX. That all officers of what condition soever shall have power to part and quell all quarrels, frays and disorders, though the persons concerned should belong to another regiment, troop or company; and either order officers to be arrested, or non-commissioned officers or soldiers to be confined and imprisoned till their proper superior officers shall be acquainted therewith; and whoever shall refuse to obey such officer, though of an inferior rank, or shall draw his sword upon him, shall be punished at the discretion of a general court-martial.

Art. X. That no officer or soldier shall use any reproachful or provoking speeches or gestures to another, nor shall any officer or soldier presume to send a challenge to any per-

son to fight a duel. [And whoever shall]* second or promote or carry any challenge shall be deemed a principal therein; and whatsoever officer or soldier shall upbraid another for refusing a challenge shall also be considered as a challenger; and all such offenders in any of these or such like cases shall be punished at the discretion of a general court-martial.

Art. XI. That every officer commanding in quarters or on a march shall keep good order, and to the utmost of his power redress all such abuses or disorders which may be committed by any officer or soldier under his command, if upon any complaint made to him of officers or soldiers beating or otherwise ill-treating any person, or of committing any kind of riot to the disquieting of the inhabitants of this continent he, the said commander, who shall refuse or omit to see justice done on the offender or offenders and reparation made to the party or parties injured, as far as the offenders wages shall enable him or them, shall, upon due proof thereof, be punished as ordered by a general court-martial, in such manner as if he himself had committed the crimes or disorders complained of.

Art. XII. That if any officer should think himself to be wronged by his colonel or the commanding officer of the regiment, and shall upon due application made to him be refused to be redressed, he may complain to the general or commander-in-chief of the forces of this Colony, in order to obtain justice; who is hereby required to examine into said complaint and see that justice be done.

Art. XIII. That if any inferior officer or soldier shall think himself wronged by his captain or other officer commanding the troop or company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the commanding officer of the regiment, who is hereby required to summon a regimental court-martial for the doing justice to the complainant; from which regimental court-martial either party may, if he thinks himself still aggrieved, appeal to a general court-martial: but if upon a second hearing the appeal shall appear to be vexatious and

* These words are found in the original bill, *Rev. War.* I, 150, (3), instead of the word "or," which is in the record.

groundless, the person so appealing shall be punished at the discretion of the general court-martial.

[460] Art. XIV. That whatsoever non-commissioned officer or soldier shall be convicted at a regimental court-martial of having sold or designedly or through neglect wasted the ammunition, arms or provision, or other military stores, delivered out to him to be employed in the service of this Colony, shall, if an officer, be reduced to a private centinal, and if a private soldier shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by a regimental court-martial.

Art. XV. That all non-commissioned officers and soldiers who shall be found one mile from the camp without leave in writing from their commanding officer shall suffer such punishment as shall be inflicted on him or them by the sentence of a regimental court-martial.

Art. XVI. That no officer or soldier shall lie out of his quarters or camp without leave from their commanding officer of the regiment, upon penalty of being punished according to the nature of his offence by order of a regimental court-martial.

Art. XVII. That every non-commissioned officer and soldier shall retire to his quarters or tent at the beating of the retreat, in default of which he shall be punished according to the nature of his offence, by order of the commanding officer.

Art. XVIII. That no officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier, shall fail of repairing at the time fixed to the place of parade or exercise or other rendezvous appointed by the commanding officer, if not prevented by sickness or some other evident necessity, or shall go from the said place of rendezvous or from his guard without leave from his commanding officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed or relieved, on penalty of being punished according to the nature of his offence by the sentence of a regimental court-martial.

Art. XIX. That whatsoever commissioned officer shall be found drunk on his guard party or other duty under arms shall be cashiered for it; any non-commissioned officer or

soldier so offending shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a regimental court-martial.

Art. XX. That whatsoever centinal shall be found sleeping upon his post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court-martial.

Art. XXI. That any person belonging to the troops of this Colony who, by discharging of fire-arms, beating of drums, or by any other means whatsoever, shall occasion false alarms in camp or quarters, shall suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court-martial.

Art. XXII. That any officer or soldier who shall, without urgent necessity or without leave of his superior officer, quit his platoon or division shall be punished according to the nature of his offence by the sentence of a regimental court-martial.

Art. XXIII. That no officer or soldier shall do violence or offer any insult or abuse to any person who shall bring provision or other necessaries to the camp or quarters of the army: any officer or soldier so offending shall upon complaint being made to the commanding officer suffer such punishment as shall be ordered by a regimental court-martial.

Art. XXIV. That whatsoever officer or soldier shall shamefully abandon any post committed to his charge, or shall speak words inducing others to do the like, in time of an engagement, shall suffer death immediately.

Art. XXV. That any person belonging to the forces raised, or that may be raised, for the defence of this Colony who shall make known the watch-word to any person who is not entituled to receive it according to the rules and discipline of war, or shall presume to give a parole or watch-word different from what he received, shall suffer death or such other punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a general court-martial.

Art. XXVI. That whosoever belonging to the forces raised, or that may be raised, for the defence of this Colony shall relieve the enemy with money, victuals or ammunition,

or shall knowingly harbour or protect an enemy, shall suffer such punishment as by a general court-martial shall be ordered.

[461] Art. XXVII. That whosoever belonging to the forces already raised, or that may be raised for the defence of this Colony, shall be convicted of holding correspondence with or of giving intelligence to the enemy, either directly or indirectly, shall suffer such punishment as by a general court-martial shall be ordered.

Art. XXVIII. That all public stores taken in the enemy's camp or magazines, whether of artillery, ammunition, cloathing or provisions, shall be secured for the use of this Colony.

Art. XXIX. That if any officer or soldier shall leave his post or colours in time of an engagement, to go in search of plunder, he shall, upon being convicted thereof before a general court-martial, suffer such punishment as by said court-martial shall be ordered.

Art. XXX. That if any commander of any post, intrenchment or fortress, shall be compelled by the officers or soldiers under his command to give it up to the enemy or to abandon it, the commissioned officer, non-commissioned officers or soldiers who shall be convicted of having so offended shall suffer death, or such other punishment as may be inflicted upon them by the sentence of a general court-martial.

Art. XXXI. That all sutlers and retailers to a camp, and all persons whatsoever serving with the forces already raised, or that may be raised for the defence of this Colony in the field, though not enlisted soldiers, are to be subjected to the same articles, rules and regulations, to which the officers and soldiers are or shall be subjected.

Art. XXXII. That no general court-martial shall consist of a less number than thirteen, none of which shall be under the degree of a commissioned officer; and the president of each and every court-martial, whether general or regimental, shall have power to administer an oath to every witness in order to the tryal of offenders; and the members of all courts-martial shall be duly sworn by the president, and the next in

rank on the court-martial shall administer the oath to the president.

Art. XXXIII. That the members both of general and regimental courts-martial shall when belonging to different corps take the same rank which they hold in the army: but when courts-martial shall be composed of officers of one corps, they shall take their ranks according to their commissions by which they are mustered in the said corps.

Art. XXXIV. That all the members of a court-martial are to behave with calmness, decency and impartiality, and in giving of their votes are to begin with the youngest or lowest in commission.

Art. XXXV. That no field-officer shall be tryed by any person under the degree of a captain, nor shall any proceedings or tryals be carried on excepting between the hours of eight in the morning and three in the afternoon, except in cases which require an immediate example.

Art. XXXVI. That the commissioned officers of every regiment may by the appointment of their colonel or commanding officer hold regimental courts-martial, for the inquiry into such disputes or criminal matters as may come before them and for the inflicting corporal punishments for small offences, and shall give judgment by the majority of voices: but no sentence shall be executed till the commanding officer (not being a member of the court-martial) shall have confirmed the same.

Art. XXXVII. That no regimental court-martial shall consist of less than five officers, excepting in cases where that number cannot be conveniently assembled, when three may be sufficient, who are likewise to determine upon the sentence by the majority of voices; which sentence is to be confirmed by the commanding officer, not being a member of the court-martial.

Art. XXXVIII. That every officer commanding in any fort, castle, or barrack or elsewhere, where the corps under his command consists of detachments from different regiments, or of independent companies, may assemble courts-martial for the tryal of offenders in the same manner as if

they were regimental, whose sentence is not to be executed till it shall be confirmed by the said commanding officer.

Art. XXXIX. That no person whatsoever shall use menacing words, signs or gestures, in the presence of a court-martial then sitting, or shall cause any disorder or riot, so as to disturb their proceedings, on the penalty of being punished at the discretion of the said court-martial.

[462] Art. XL. That to the end that offenders may be brought to justice, whenever any officer or soldier shall commit a crime deserving punishment he shall by his commanding officer, if an officer, be put in arrest; if a non-commissioned officer or soldier, be imprisoned till he shall be either tryed by a court-martial, or shall be lawfully discharged by proper authority.

Art. XLI. That no officer or soldier who shall be put in arrest or imprisonment shall continue in his confinement more than eight days, or till such time as a court-martial can be conveniently assembled.

Art. XLII. That no officer commanding a guard or provost-marshal shall refuse to receive or keep any prisoner committed to his charge by an officer belonging to the forces aforesaid, which officer shall at the same time deliver an account in writing, signed by himself, of the crime with which the said prisoner is charged.

Art. XLIII. That no officer commanding a guard or provost-marshal shall presume to release any prisoner committed to his charge without proper authority for so doing; nor shall he suffer any prisoner to escape, on the penalty of being punished for it by the sentence of a general court-martial.

Art. XLIV. That every officer or a provost-marshal to whose charge prisoners shall be committed is hereby required within twenty-four hours after such commitment, or as soon as he shall be relieved from his guard, to give in writing to the colonel of the regiment to whom the prisoner belongs (where the prisoner is confined upon the guard belonging to the said regiment, and that his offence only relates to the neglect of duty in his own corps), or to the commander-in-chief, their names, their crimes, and the names of the officers

who committed them, on the penalty of being punished for his disobedience or neglect at the discretion of a general court-martial.

Art. XLV. And if any officer under arrest shall leave his confinement before he is set at liberty by the officer who confined him, or by a superior power, he shall be cashiered for it.

Art. XLVI. That whatsoever commissioned officer shall be convicted before a general court-martial of behaving in a scandalous, infamous manner, such as is unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman, shall be discharged from the service.

Art. XLVII. That all officers, conductors, gunners, matrosses, drivers, or any other persons whatsoever receiving pay or hire in the service of the artillery of this Colony, shall be governed by the aforesaid rules and articles, and shall be subject to be tried by courts-martial in like manner with the officers and soldiers of the troops.

Art. XLVIII. That for differences arising amongst themselves, or in matters relating solely to their own corps, the courts-martial may be composed of their own officers: but where a number sufficient of such officers cannot be assembled, or in matters wherein other corps are interested, the officers of artillery shall sit in courts-martial with the officers of the other corps.

Art. XLIX. That all crimes not capital, and all disorders and neglects which officers and soldiers may be guilty of to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, though not mentioned in the Articles of War, are to be taken cognizance of by a general or regimental court-martial, according to the nature or degree of the offence, and be punished at their discretion.

Art. L. That no courts-martial shall order any offender to be whipped or receive more than thirty-nine stripes for one offence.

Art. LI. That the field officers of each and every regiment are to appoint some suitable person belonging to such regiment to receive all such fines as may arise within the

same for any breach of any of the foregoing articles, and shall direct the same to be carefully and properly applied to the relief of such sick, wounded or necessitous soldiers as belong to such regiment; and such persons shall account with such officer for all fines received and the application thereof.

[463] Art. LII. That all members sitting in courts-martial shall be sworn by the president of said courts, which president shall himself be sworn by the officer in said court next in rank. The oath to be administered previous to their proceeding to the tryal of any offender, in form following, *viz:* You A. B. swear that you will well and truly try and impartially determine the cause of the prisoner now to be tryed, according to the rules for regulating the forces raised or to be raised for the defence of the Colony of Connecticut: So help you God.

Art. LIII. That all persons called to give evidence in any case before a court-martial who shall refuse to give evidence shall be punished for such refusal at the discretion of such court-martial. The oath to be administered in the form following, *viz:* You swear the evidence you shall give in the case now in hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth: So help you God.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the military officers in the several towns in this Colony that were concerned in assembling or furnishing with ammunition any of the inhabitants of this Colony who marched in the late alarm, either eastward or westward; and such officers are hereby ordered and directed to deliver to the selectmen of such respective towns, (where any expence has been occasioned thereby,) a particular account of the names of the persons who marched under arms as aforesaid for the relief of people in distress, and have since returned; and also of the time every such person was detained from the first of his march till his

* These Articles of War are substantially the same as those adopted by the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, April 5th, 1775. *Journals of the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts*, 121.

return: and also the quantity of ammunition every such person was supplied with from any Colony or town stock. And the selectmen of all such respective towns are hereby ordered and directed to collect a particular account of the expences for provision, carriage, &c., that has incurred by means aforesaid in such town severally, with the names of the persons who advanced the same or to whom the satisfaction may be due. And such selectmen are also hereby ordered and directed to lay before the Committee of the Pay-Table a particular account of the *quantum* of each article of expence for provision, time of those that marched, money advanced &c.; which Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby ordered and directed to settle and adjust such accounts and allow what shall be just and reasonable: the pay of the officers, respectively, and wages of the men to be the same as in the present establishment, and give to such selectmen an order on the Treasurer for payment of the same. And such selectmen are hereby directed to receive and pay the same accordingly to each of the persons to whom it is due. And such selectmen are also hereby ordered and directed to receive back of such persons who marched in the service aforesaid and have returned, such articles of ammunition as they received from any Colony or town stock, and see the same duly returned accordingly. And in case such ammunition, or part thereof, shall not be returned, the value of such proportion so detained by each of said persons who received the same shall be deducted out of the sum allowed to him respectively for his service aforesaid.

Whereas there is convincing evidence that a design is formed by the British ministry of making a cruel invasion from the Province of Quebec upon these northern Colonies, for the purpose of destroying our lives and liberties, and some steps have actually been taken to carry said design into execution: And whereas several inhabitants of the northern Colonies residing in the vicinity of Tyconderoga, immediately exposed to incursions, impelled by a just regard for the defence and preservation of themselves and their countrymen

from such eminent dangers and calamities, have taken possession of that post and of Crown Point, in which were lodged a quantity of cannon and military stores, that would certainly have been used in the intended invasion of these Colonies,* and have also taken into their custody a number of officers and soldiers who were holding and keeping said posts, and of their own motion have sent them into this Colony: And as this Colony has no command of said posts now in possession of people of several Colonies, it is impracticable for said officers and soldiers to return to said posts, and the dictates of humanity require that said officers and soldiers with their families should be provided for and supported while they continue in this Colony:

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Samuel Wadsworth, Capt. Ezekiel Williams, and Mr. Epaphras Bull, Henry Allyn, Esqr, Colo. Fisher Gay, Colo. Mathew Talcott, Colo. James Wadsworth, Capt. Jonathan Welles, Ebenezer White, Esqr, and Colo. Jonathan Humphry, be and they, or any three of them, are hereby appointed a committee, and are ordered and instructed, at the expence of this Colony, to take care of and provide for said officers and soldiers with their families at present, and see that they be treated with humanity, kindness and respect, according to their rank and station, and encourage, assist and advise said soldiers in procuring such profitable labour and business as they may be capable of, wherever said soldiers can find persons willing to entertain and give them employment, until by advice of the Continental Congress, or otherwise, this Assembly shall take further order concerning them; and that the commander-in-chief make a proper return under his hand to said committee of the corps that were under his command.

[464] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That the form for Commissions for the Field Officers in the service for the special

* Compare the preamble of this resolve with that of a recommendation by Congress of May 18th.

defence and safety of this Colony shall be as follows, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same:

Colony of Connecticut.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over his Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To Greeting:

By virtue of the power and authority to me given in and by the Royal Charter to the Governor and Company of the said Colony under the great seal of England, I do, by these presents, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage and good conduct, constitute and appoint you the said to be of the regiment of the inhabitants inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of his Majesty's said Colony.

You are, therefore, to lead, conduct, order and exercise said regiment in the service aforesaid, and to keep them in good order and discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their and yourself to observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from me or the commander-in-chief of the said Colony for the time being, or other your superior officers, according to military rules and discipline, pursuant to the trust reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the public seal of the said Colony at the day of in the year of the reign of his Majesty King George the third. *A. Dom.* 1775.

Further resolved, The form for warrants for the Officers on the Staff be as follows, and the Governor is desired to sign the same:

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To Revd Greeting:

Reposing special trust and confidence in your loyalty, piety, ability, integrity and good conduct, I do hereby appoint you, the said a Chaplain of the regiment of the inhabitants inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of his Majesty's said Colony; and do hereby authorize and impower you to exercise the several acts and duties of your office and station as Chaplain of the

said regiment, which you are faithfully to perform in a due and religious discharge thereof, according to the important trust reposed in you, for which this is your warrant.

Given under my hand and seal at arms in in the Colony aforesaid, this day of in the 15th year of his Majesty King George the third his reign, *A. Dom.* 1775.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over his Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To Gentleman, Greeting:

I do, by these presents, reposing especial confidence in your loyalty, skill and good conduct, constitute and appoint you, the said to be a Physician and Surgeon in the regiment of inhabitants inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of his Majesty's said Colony; and I do hereby authorize and impower you to exercise your said office in a due discharge of the duties thereof, which you are carefully and diligently to attend as a physician as aforesaid, according to the trust reposed in you, for which this is your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at in said Colony, the day of May, 1775, in the 15th year of his Majesty's reign.

Colony of Connecticut.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over his Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To Gentleman, Greeting:

I do, by these presents, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, fidelity and good conduct, constitute and appoint you the said to be Commissary in the regiment of the inhabitants inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of his Majesty's said Colony; and you (having first given bond with sufficient surety for a faithful discharge of your trust,) I do authorize and impower you to exercise your said office in a due performance of the duties thereof in the regiment aforesaid, keeping proper accounts and the same render on oath when required, according to the trust reposed in you; for which this is a sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal at arms in the day of May, A. D. 1775, in the 15th year of his Majesty's reign.

[465] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed to give orders on the Treasurer of this Colony for payment to all such persons who have actually expended monies or given their written obligations therefor more than to the amount of what is equitably due to them for their personal service in obtaining the possession of Ticonderoga and Crown Point, upon their exhibiting their accounts and having them liquidated and approved by said committee. And also, that said committee be and they are hereby further directed to receive the accounts of the cost and expences, both for men and provision. incurr'd in taking and securing said fortresses by any inhabitants of this Colony, or any others by them engaged and employed, and digest the same into proper form, and lay the same before this or some future Assembly for their equitable consideration and allowance.

Resolved by this Assembly, That all accounts of disbursements made by order or direction of this Assembly relative to the present extraordinary emergencies of government be laid before the Pay-Table Committee already appointed, to be by them examined, settled and adjusted; and said committee are hereby directed to draw all needful orders on the Treasurer for the payment thereof.

Resolved by this Assembly, That each non-commission officer and soldier belonging to any military company or train-band in this Colony shall be paid out of the Colony treasury six pence for each half day he hath attended and performed military exercises, and twelve pence for each day he hath attended and performed regimental exercise, in obedience to a law of this Colony passed at the session of the General Assembly in October last; and that the clerk of each of said companies shall make out duplicate and attested rolls of such non-commissioned officers and soldiers as have performed military exercises as aforesaid, and deliver the same to the captain, or in his absence to the chief officer, of such company whereof he is clerk; and said captain or chief officer shall

present said rolls to two Assistants or two justices of the peace, to be by them examined and approved; which rolls when approved shall by such authority be noted thereon accordingly: one of which rolls shall be delivered to such officer, and the other held by said authority; and thereupon said authority shall draw an order on the Treasurer of this Colony, payable to such captain or chief officer, who shall receive the money due thereon of the Treasurer and pay the same to each non-commission officer and soldier as shall be due according to said roll.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Jabez Hamlin, Mathew Talcott and Titus Hosmer, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee, to provide such stores of lead as they shall judge necessary for the use of this Colony. And that said committee may be enabled effectually to execute their said trust, they are authorized and directed, on behalf of this Colony, to contract for, purchase or take the lead oar that is or may be raised out of the lead mine in Midletown, and cause any other and greater quantities of ore to be raised and dug out of said mine; and by the best and most prudent ways and means they can, to procure said ore to be refined and fitted for the use of this Colony, and to erect any furnace or building necessary for that purpose; and that said committee have power and authority to take and receive out of the Colony treasury, from time to time, any sum or sums of money that shall be found necessary to enable them to procure said lead or purchase said lead ore, and smelt, refine and separate the lead therefrom, not exceeding the sum of four hundred pounds, lawful money, in the whole; and the Colony Treasurer is ordered to pay and advance the said sum or sums of money to the said committee, or their order, accordingly. Always provided, that the owner or owners of said mine or ore shall have reasonable allowance and be duly recompensed for any loss, hurt or damage that he or they may or shall sustain or suffer by reason of the premises.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Commander-in-Chief for the time being of the forces raised in this Colony, at their

respective destinations, be authorized and impowered, and they are hereby impowered, to procure a suitable armourer or armourers to repair any fire-arms that may be damaged in the service, as occasion may call for, and lay the account thereof before the Pay-Table, who are hereby directed to draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment thereof.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed to repair the arms belonging to this Colony in the hands of the Treasurer, and deliver out as many of them as may be wanted to the inhabitants inlisted for the special defence of this Colony, and have them apprized, and take proper receipts therefor.

[466] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That Samuel Mott, Esqr, be and he is appointed an Engineer, forthwith to repair to Tyconderoga and Crown Point, to assist and act in said capacity, and to take rank as a lieutenant-colonel among the troops raised for the defence of this Colony.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Thaddeus Burr, Esqr, of Fairfield, and Charles Church Chandler, Esqr, of Woodstock, be a committee to engage and employ at the public expence of this Colony, two News Carriers, to perform regular stages from Fairfield to Woodstock, and from Woodstock to Fairfield, passing through the towns of Windham and Lebanon, in such manner that they severally arrive in Hartford every Saturday, and that they forward all proper intelligence to Fairfield and Woodstock with all convenient speed. Also, that Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, of New London, be a committee to engage and employ two News Carriers, at the expence of this Colony, to perform regular stages from Woodstock to New Haven on the Fairfield stage, and from New Haven to Woodstock, in such manner that they severally arrive in New London every Saturday, and that they forward all proper intelligence each way every Monday morning with all convenient dispatch. Also, that Thaddeus Burr, Esqr, of Fairfield, Charles Church Chandler, Esqr, of Woodstock, and

Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, of New London, be a committee to forward at the public expence of this Colony all such extraordinary and important intelligence which shall be received from time to time at either place, as they shall judge proper and necessary: The aforesaid regulation to continue in force until the rising of the Assembly in October next, and no longer.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, and the Honble Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, William Williams, Nathaniel Wales jun^{r}, Jedidiah Elderkin, Joshua West and Benjamin Huntington, Esq^{rs}, a Committee to assist his Honor the Governor when the Assembly is not sitting, to order and direct the marches and stations of the inhabitants inlisted and assembled for the special defence of the Colony, or any part or parts of them, as they shall judge necessary, and to give order from time to time for furnishing and supplying said inhabitants so inlisted with every matter and thing that may be needful to render the defence of the Colony effectual.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissions ordered by the special Assembly in April last to the respective officers appointed to enlist men for the defence of the Colony shall be dated May 1st, 1775, and the Secretary ordered to fill them up accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the warrants to the staff officers, *viz:* chaplain, surgeon and surgeon's mates, for each regiment inlisted and formed for the special defence and safety of this Colony, shall be dated the 20th day of May, 1775, and his Honor the Governor is desired to fill the same accordingly.

This Assembly grants to Maj^{r} General Wooster the sum of four pounds per month, to assist and enable him to provide a proper Secretary for the necessary service of such department.

This Assembly grants to Brigadier Generals Spencer and Putnam, respectively, as they shall find necessary, the sum of four pounds per month, to assist and enable them to provide proper Secretaries for the necessary service of their respective departments.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, a Commissary, in the room of Thomas Howell, Esqr, resigned.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissaries appointed by this Assembly for supplying the inhabitants raised for the defence of the Colony shall be allowed one and half *per cent.* commissions on all supplies purchased and paid for by order of the Assembly.

Ordered by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony pay to Capt. Edward Mott the sum of twenty pounds, lawful money, taking his receipt therefor; and said Mott to account with the Assembly for the same.

[467] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That Jabez Hamlin and Jesse Root, Esq^{rs}, be added to and they are hereby appointed of the committee to sign the bills of public credit on this Colony ordered to be emitted by the General Assembly holden at this place by special order of his Honor the Governor on the 26th day of April last: any three of said committee to execute the trust aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That five hundred pounds of powder be immediately borrowed by the Committee of the Pay-Table from the town stocks of the adjacent towns and put into the hands of Colo. James Easton, to be transported with the utmost expedition to Crown Point and Tyconderoga, to be there used for the present and immediate defence of those parts till the resolves of the Continental Congress may be carried into execution; and that an order be drawn by the Committee of the Pay-Table on the Colony Treasurer in

* His letter of resignation and recommendation of Mr. Fitch in his place may be seen in *Am. Archives*, 4th series, ii, 544.

favour of said Colo. Easton for two hundred pounds, lawful money, to be improved by him in defraying the expences of transporting said powder, and other necessary purposes, for the immediate support and security of said fortresses: rendering his account therefor.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the pay of the adjutants in the forces assembled for the defence of this Colony shall be the sum of six pounds per month, and that such adjutants shall sustain and receive pay for that office only.

And it is further resolved, That the pay of the first lieutenants of the colonel's companies in each regiment, respectively, shall be six pounds per month.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Eleazer Oswald receive out of the Colony treasury the sum of ten pounds, to account for the same; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the fees for the Committee of the Pay-Table shall be six shillings *per diem* for each attending on the service, and so in proportion the time they serve.

This Assembly do appoint David Johnson junr Second Lieutenant in the second company in the fourth regiment to be inlisted and assembled for the special defence of this Colony, in the room of David Bissell superceded.

Upon the memorial of Capt. John Chester, shewing to this Assembly that by mistake he has inlisted five men more than his quota, that they had receiv'd their bounty and equipp'd

* Oswald, a native of Great Britain, now in his 21st year, was living in New Haven. He was with Arnold at Ticonderoga, and at the storming of Quebec, where he was taken prisoner. In later life he published the *Independent Gazetteer* in Philadelphia. Notices of him are found in Leake's *Life and Times of General Lamb*, and, by a descendant, in the *Historical Magazine* for Sept. 1859, vol. iii, 284.

themselves to march &c., praying for liberty to retain them in his company and pay them &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Capt. Chester have liberty and liberty is hereby granted to said Chester to return* said five men and to have orders from the Committee of the Pay-Table upon the treasury for the payment of said five men accordingly.

Upon the representation of Colo. Charles Burrell to this Assembly, dated 28th of May, 1775, shewing that he hath, pursuant to the act of Assembly in October last, collected and procured to be repaired a number of arms belonging to this government, and necessarily expended therein the sum of twelve pounds nine shillings and eleven pence, and praying for an order on the Treasurer to pay the same: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby ordered to pay unto the said Colo. Charles Burrell said sum of £12 9 11, in discharge of said account.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^r Jabez Thomson to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the second regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Lieut.-Col. Gould resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. William Douglas Major of the second regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Major Thomson promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Gold Selleck Silliman, Esqr, to be Colonel of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Colo. Read resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Ichabod Lewiss to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the fourth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Gold Selleck Silliman, Esqr, promoted.

[468] This Assembly do appoint Thomas Belding, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the sixth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Mathew Talcott, Esqr, promoted.

* So in the record, but in the original resolve, *Rev. War*, I, 185, the word is retain.

This Assembly do appoint John Chester, Esqr, to be Major of the sixth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Thomas Belding, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint John Mead, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the ninth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of David Waterbury jun^{r}, Esqr, who hath resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Stephen St. John 2^{d}, Esqr, to be Major of the ninth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of John Mead, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esqr, to be Colonel of the twelfth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Joseph Spencer, Esqr, resigned.*

This Assembly do appoint Henry Champion, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the 12th regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of William Williams, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Dyer Throop, Esqr, to be Major of the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Chapman, Esqr, Colonel of the twenty-second regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Mathew Talcott, Esqr, to be Colonel of the twenty-third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Comfort Sage to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the twenty-third regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. John Penfield to be Major of the twenty-third regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Zebulon Butler, Esqr, to be Colonel of the 24th regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Denison to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the 24th regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint William Judd to be Major of the 24th regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Oliver Smith, Esqr, to be Major of the 8th regiment of militia of this Colony, in the room of Major Charles Phelps resigned.

* Col. Spencer's letter of resignation is printed in *Am. Archives*, 4th Series, ii, 706.

This Assembly do establish Zadock Granger to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish Jonah King jun^r to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffeld.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Remington to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Suffield.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Starkweather to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Frink to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish John Morgan to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Preston.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Lamb to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Dennison to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Prentice Gallop to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

[469] This Assembly do establish Joseph Lewiss to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the town of Groton in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Palmer to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Stonington in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Waterman jun^r to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elias West to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Egerton junr to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Sherwood to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Seeley to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Najah Bennett to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joel Loomiss to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Fellows to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Selah Norton to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Blakesly to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Comfort Day to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Spaulding to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Robbins to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Gilbert to be Captain of the 17th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Mansfield to be Lieutenant of the 17th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Moses Gilbert to be Ensign of the 17th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Lewiss junr to be Captain of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ira Bebee to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Israel Terrell to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Treat to be Captain of the 2d company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jehiel Bryan to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Clark to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 2d regiment in this Colony.

[470] This Assembly do establish Isaac Blackslee to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the second reg iment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Kent Wright to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Knowles Sears to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Barns to be Ensign of the 7th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Parmely to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Hall to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Power to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Bellamy to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Parmely to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asa Francis to be Ensign of of the third company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Tucker to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benedict Arnold to be Captain of the company in the town of New Haven called the second company of the Governor's Guards.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Leavenworth to be Lieutenant of the company in the town of New Haven called the second company of the Governor's Guards.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Sabin to be Ensign of the company in the town of New Haven called the second company of the Governor's Guards.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Forward to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Symsbury.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Worthington to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Treadway to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Martin Kellogg to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Gove to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Garnsey to be Captain of the 19th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Roberts to be Lieutenant of the 19th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Richards jun^r to be Ensign of the 19th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

[471] This Assembly do establish Joseph Guthrie to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Fairweather jun^r to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Johnson jun^r to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Robinson to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Parsons jun^r to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This assembly do establish Timothy Parsons to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thadeus Bennitt to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Edward Burroughs to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abijah Sterling to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hull 3d to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Newton to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Miles Hull to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Deming to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Wadsworth to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Lewiss to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Charles Bulkley to be Captain of the troop of horse in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eli Butler to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Edward Eells junr to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Sperry to be Captain of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Beecher to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Titus Peck to be Ensign of the 16th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Bliss to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Carter to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Allyn to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

[472] This Assembly do establish William Rosseter to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

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Resolved by this Assembly, That the captain and ensign of said west military company or trainband in the society of Northbury in said Waterbury be and they are hereby cashiered and dismissed from their respective military offices, and the

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colonel of the regiment said company is part of is hereby directed to lead said company to the choice of a captain and an ensign and other needful officers, and make return to this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be paid by the Treasurer of this Colony for the persons hereafter named the sum annexed to their names, the same being for service done at Newgate Prison by order of the overseers of said prison, as by the original account allowed by this Assembly and on file, *viz:*

To Josiah Bissell, Esqr,	£21	0*s.*	9*d.*
To Colo. Jonath^{n} Humphry,	10	4	0
To Jona. Humphry jun^{r},	7	16	4
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To Jacob Pettibone,	3	11	0
To Ezra Wilcox,	6	2	5
To Abijah Barber,	1	3	6
To Nathl Wilcox,	0	15	0
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To Luke Thrall,	2	14	0
To Martin Winchell,	6	5	5
To Pelatiah Adams,	1	13	0
To Samuel Forward,	0	9	0
To Barzillai Hudson,	2	14	0
To Rufus Mason,	1	1	0
To Benoni Viets,	2	13	2
To David Barnard,	1	14	0
To Reuben Clark,	3	15	9
To Andrew Hylyard,	2	7	3
To Thomas Hawley,	0	14	0
To Thomas Haydon,	£5	7	0
To Jonath^{n} Buttolph jun,	10	10	0
To Nathl Winchell,	5	14	0
To Benja. Thrall,	4	5	0
To Abner Viets,	0	15	9
To Phineas Stephens,	0	4	0
To Seth Viets,	0	3	6
To Simon Lewiss,	0	8	6
To Joseph Rice,	0	3	0
To Daniel Wilcox,	12	1	1
To Elijah Alderman,	5	0	0
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To Samuel Prouty,	22	5	3
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To Purchass Capon,	18	16	5
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To Abel Forward,	5	9	10
	£327	12	10½
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And the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same to the overseers of said prison, to be by them paid to the several persons to whom due.

This Assembly do appoint Asahel Holcomb, Esqr, of Symsbury, an Overseer of Newgate Prison, in addition to the number already appointed for that purpose.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the overseers of Newgate prison be ordered and directed, and they are hereby ordered and directed, to make sale of the copper ore that is got out of Symsbury mine, and thereof account render to this Colony.

Whereas the following persons have been sentenced to imprisonment in the prison of Newgate, *viz.* John Scott, a transient person, for the crime of horse-stealing, Elisha Barber of Pomfrett, for the crime of counterfeiting Spanish milled dollars, and Nathan Thomas of Norwalk, for the crime of burglary, of which crimes they have been duly convicted and are now held in safe custody in said prison for various terms not yet expired: And whereas it appears to this Assembly that the crimes of which said prisoners are convict as aforesaid were not attended with all the aggravating circumstances which usually attend the perpetration of the aforesaid crimes: And whereas the said prisoners since their confinement in said prison have shewn signs of penitence and remorse, and have implored the mercy of this Assembly:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said John Scott, Elisha Barber and Nathan Thomas be, and they are hereby, released from their said imprisonment during the pleasure of this Assembly. Always provided, that the said John Scott, Elisha Barber and Nathan Thomas, for the term of three years from the rising of this Assembly, do severally pay [474] || annually to the Treasurer of this Colony the sum of five pounds, lawful money, for the costs of their several prosecutions, and also be of peacible and good behaviour towards all his Majesty's subjects, or in default thereof they shall be remanded to said prison and there confined during the residue of the several terms for and during which they are sentenced to be held and confined in said prison; anything in the aforesaid resolve notwithstanding.

On the memorial of Arnout Cannon, shewing that at great trouble and expence he had apprehended and brought from New York the infamous Richard Steel, so that he might be recommitted to Newgate prison, and praying for a reimburse-

ment of his expence and a reward for his trouble, as per memorial on file: Tis thereupon by this Assembly granted and ordered, that the Treasurer of the Colony pay unto the memorialist the sum of eleven pounds twelve shillings and nine pence, L. money, in compensation of his charge and expence, and also the further sum of three pounds, L. money, as a reward for his risque and service, in full of the engagement specifyed in the advertisement for taking up the said Richard Steel.

Abraham Blaksley of New Haven, captain of a military company in the second regiment in this Colony, having manifested a disaffection to this government and privileges thereof as established by charter, by speaking contemptuously of the measures taken by the General Assembly for maintaining the same, and threatened to act in his office in opposition to the lawful authority of the Colony, contrary to the duties of his office: Therefore, resolved by this Assembly, that the said Abraham Blaksley be and he is hereby broke and cashiered from his said office; and that the colonel of said regiment lead said company to the choice of a captain in the room of said Blaksley.*

Whereas upon complaint of Aaron Hawley of Stratford, relative to certain abuses and injuries done to Tom and Eunice and the other Indians of Golden Hill in said Stratford, William Saml Johnson, Robert Fairchild and Daniel Judson, Esq^rs, were by the General Assembly held at New Haven in October last appointed a committee to examine into the subject matters of said complaint and report make, and said committee having entered upon said enquiry, have not yet been able to compleat the same: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said committee be and they are hereby reappointed for the purpose aforesaid, and are further authorized and fully impowered to hear and examine all persons and parties relative to said Indians and their affairs, to examine and liquidate the accounts of the guardian to said Indians, and

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report make of whatever may be necessary for a full settlement of all the affairs of said Indians.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Barns of Midletown, administrator on the estate of Joseph Barns late of said Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown against the said estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £21 3 5, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will satisfy said sums and incident charges of sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and power is granted to said administrator, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £21 3 5, L. money, and incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the petition of Eliphalet Bulkley of Colchester, against Pierpoint Bacon &c., bro't to this Assembly in October 1774, praying for an act of insolvency in his favour, and now lying before this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of said petition be referred to the General Assembly to be held in New Haven in October next, and that the estate of the petitioner be freed and secured from attachments and executions for any debts due before the date of said petition, until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

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ten shillings, lawful money; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

On the memorial of Benjamin Smith and Jonathan House, administrators on the estate of Richard Smith late of Glastonbury, deceas'd, for liberty of making sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum of forty pounds eighteen shillings and one penny, lawful money, &c., to discharge the debts due from said estate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and it is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of the said Richard Smith, deceas'd, as will raise said sum of £40 18 1, L. money, with incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate in the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

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therein, but that the lots from a certain lane called Bissell's Lane on the south up to Josiah Elsworth's lot, on which one Nathaniel Bissell lives, hath not yet been bounded, limited and fixed by said committee, whereby dispute and contention may arise &c.; praying for a committee to fix, ascertain and bound out the same &c., as per memorial &c.; whereupon Erastus Wolcott, Esqr, Capt. Nathl Loomiss and Lieut. Return Strong were appointed a committee with full power to locate, fix and ascertain the bounds and limits of each of said lots between the said Bissell's Lane and the south side of the said Joseph Ellsworth's lot next north of Nathaniel Bissell's lot which he dwells upon, and to erect monuments thereon, and to make a proper survey and mensuration of each of said lots, and to make return of their doings &c.; and said committee having now made report and return of their doings in the premises with their opinion thereon &c., and the same being now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that a copy of said report and return of said committee now made, and of this resolve, attested by the Secretary of this Colony, shall be delivered to the town clerk of said East Windsor, and the same shall be by him received and recorded at large in the public records of said town of East Windsor at the cost of the said proprietors; and that attested copies of the same, or any part thereof, so far as relates to the aforesaid lots therein mentioned, under the hand of said town clerk, shall be received and allowed as full and compleat evidence of the survey and doings of said committee and of the bounds and limits of said lots, as though the same had been originally fixed, located and determined by said proprietors, anything to the contrary heretofore notwithstanding; and that the cost and expence that hath accrued herein shall be proportioned by the said committee to and among said proprietors of said lots, and the same shall be defrayed and paid by each of them severally in such proportion. And the Secretary shall, upon said committee making return to him under their hands of such cost and how much each proprietor ought to pay, grant execution against each of said proprietors for such sum accordingly.

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therein, but that the lots from a certain lane called Bissell's Lane on the south up to Josiah Elsworth's lot, on which one Nathaniel Bissell lives, hath not yet been bounded, limited and fixed by said committee, whereby dispute and contention may arise &c.; praying for a committee to fix, ascertain and bound out the same &c., as per memorial &c.; whereupon Erastus Wolcott, Esqr, Capt. Nathl Loomiss and Lieut. Return Strong were appointed a committee with full power to locate, fix and ascertain the bounds and limits of each of said lots between the said Bissell's Lane and the south side of the said Joseph Ellsworth's lot next north of Nathaniel Bissell's lot which he dwells upon, and to erect monuments thereon, and to make a proper survey and mensuration of each of said lots, and to make return of their doings &c.; and said committee having now made report and return of their doings in the premises with their opinion thereon &c., and the same being now accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that a copy of said report and return of said committee now made, and of this resolve, attested by the Secretary of this Colony, shall be delivered to the town clerk of said East Windsor, and the same shall be by him received and recorded at large in the public records of said town of East Windsor at the cost of the said proprietors; and that attested copies of the same, or any part thereof, so far as relates to the aforesaid lots therein mentioned, under the hand of said town clerk, shall be received and allowed as full and compleat evidence of the survey and doings of said committee and of the bounds and limits of said lots, as though the same had been originally fixed, located and determined by said proprietors, anything to the contrary heretofore notwithstanding; and that the cost and expence that hath accrued herein shall be proportioned by the said committee to and among said proprietors of said lots, and the same shall be defrayed and paid by each of them severally in such proportion. And the Secretary shall, upon said committee making return to him under their hands of such cost and how much each proprietor ought to pay, grant execution against each of said proprietors for such sum accordingly.

On the memorial of Samuel Riley, administrator on the estate of Samuel Riley late of Weathersfield in the county of Hartford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges with necessary moveables set to the widow surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £117 1 0, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £117 1 0 with incident charges arising on such sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £117 1 0, L. money, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford therein.

[476] Whereas Isaac Bidwell of Farmington hath now preferred his petition, in his own name and in the name of William Pitkin, Esqr, against Samuel North of said Farmington, praying for relief against the said Samuel, the said Isaac being more immediately interested therein and much affected by reason of the said North's pressing an execution against him which is in the name of the said William Pitkin, Esqr, whereby he is liable to be evicted of his house and land &c.; and whereas said petition cannot now be heard at large upon the merits &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said execution now against the said Isaac shall and the same is hereby suspended and shall not be levied, nor the said Isaac evicted of his said house and land thereby, until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the petition of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq , of New London, against Philip Livingston, Esqr, &c., brought to this Assembly in May 1772, praying for an act of insolvency in his favour, and upon the report of a committee on said petition now lying before this Assembly, relative to said Saltonstall's circumstances &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of the petition and report aforesaid be referred to the General Assembly to be held at New

Haven in October next; and that the person and estate of the petitioner be freed and secured from arrests and imprisonment for any debts due before the date of said petition, until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Butler of Norwich, constable and collector of Colony taxes for the town of Norwich on the list of October 1772, shewing to this Assembly in May last that the committee which was appointed by this Assembly in May, 1773, by mistake made up the additions to be £670 0 0 too large, by means whereof the Treasurer sent his warrant to said constables to collect the Colony tax on the same at 1*d*. on the pound, which amounts to £2 15 10, L. money, more than said Butler could collect on the lists of the inhabitants; praying to this Assembly that the said sum of £2 15 10 may be abated to him and that the Treasurer may be ordered to allow the same to him in settling said rate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sum of £2 15 10, arising on said mistaken addition, be abated and the same is hereby abated; and the Treasurer of this Colony is ordered to allow the same in settling said rate with said Butler, as also with Jabez Hough, another collector of the Colony tax in the town of Norwich on said list of the year 1772.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Huntington and others, selectmen of Norwich, shewing that David Hartshorn 3d, a constable and collector of Colony taxes in Norwich, is in arrear to the Treasurer of this Colony, which the memorialists are willing to secure and pay to said Treasurer, praying for liberty to do the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty to secure to the Treasurer the sum due from said constable to said Treasurer, payable by the first day of June 1776, and interest till paid; and said Treasurer is hereby directed to take such security accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Gallop, of Plainfield in Windham county, and Isaac Gallop of Groton in New Lon-

don county, praying for an allowance for loss sustained and expence incurr'd in pursuing and apprehending one Job Fox, *alias* Benjamin Atwell, a criminal offender who had broken Windham county goal: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be allowed and they are allowed, for their loss and expence as aforesaid, the sum of ten pounds, lawful money; and the Treasurer of this Colony is ordered to pay the said sum accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Abigail Olmsted of Litchfield, administratrix on the estate of Benjamin Olmsted late of said Litchfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate held at Litchfield within and for the district of Litchfield, including an allowance to the widow of said deceas'd and infant children for necessaries, surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £64 10 3¾, to satisfy which said administratrix hath nothing in her hands; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to satisfy said sums and inci- [477] dent charges of sale: || Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be, and liberty and power is hereby granted to said administratrix, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum and incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Andrew Philip Skeen, of Skenesborough in the Province of New York, preferred to this Assembly, shewing that on the ninth of instant May he with his family, consisting of an aunt, two sisters, and one Mr. Brooks, were taken at said Skeenesborough and brought into this Colony, where they now are; praying that his said aunt, sisters and said Brooks may have liberty to and be protected in their return to said Skeenesborough or elsewhere, and that he, the said Andrew P. Skeene, may have liberty to return to his farm and estate at said Skeenesborough, &c., or to appoint and send some suitable person to take care of his said farm or estate at Skeenesborough, as per memorial

on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist's said family, *viz.* his aunt and his two sisters, have liberty and liberty is hereby granted to them, to return to said Skeenesborough or to the Province of Quebeck or elsewhere, under the direction and protection of Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, Messrs. Elisha Sheldon of Salisbury and John Bigelow of Hartford, a committee hereby appointed to direct and assist them in removing to Skeenesborough or to the Province of Quebeck as aforesaid. And said Maj^{r} Andrew P. Skeene hereby has liberty granted, with the approbation of the committee aforesaid, to appoint some suitable person to repair to and take care of his said farm and business at said Skeenesborough, that it may not suffer by his absence. And the commander of the troops from this Colony at Tyconderoga and Crown Point is hereby directed to take care that said Maj^{r} Skeene's estate aforesaid suffer no unnecessary waste from the troops of this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Sarah Wetmore, executrix of the last will and testament of David Wetmore late of Litchfield in the district of Litchfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate held in and for the district of Litchfield, including an allowance to the widow of said deceas'd and family for necessaries, surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £39 4 3, money, to satisfy which said deceas'd made no provision by his will, and that she hath nothing in her hands to satisfy said demands; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to satisfy said sums and incident charges of sale &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be, and liberty and power is hereby granted to said executrix, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £39 4 3, money, and incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Moses Sanford of Litchfield, administrator on the estate of Linus Sanford late of said Litchfield,

deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate held within and for the district of Litchfield against said estate surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd the sum of £22 13 7, money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will satisfy said sums and incident charges of sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and power is granted to said administrator, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £22 13 7, money, and incident charges of sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Abel Clark and others, inhabitants of the town of Pomphret, shewing to this Assembly that at present there is great necessity of having a house of public entertainment at the house of said Abel Clark in said Pomphrett for the accommodation of travellers on the great country road from Windham to Boston &c.; praying this Assembly that said Clark may be licenced for the purpose aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Abel Clark have licence, and liberty is hereby granted to said Abel Clark, to keep a house of public entertainment in the town of Pomphret in Windham county until the fourth Tuesday of June 1776; he giving bonds to the clerk of the county court in Windham county as the law directs at their session in June next.

On the memorial of Mary James and Paul Roberts, executors to the last will and testament of John Roberts late of Windsor, deceas'd, for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £62 [478] 17 3½, lawful || money, to pay and discharge said sum and incident charges arising on the sale thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and it is hereby granted to said memorialists, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will procure said sum of £62 17 3½, lawful money, with incident charges arising on the sale of said

estate; to be sold by and with the advice of the court of probate in the district of Hartford.

On the memorial of Henry Allyn, executor to the last will and testament of Joseph Eaglestone late of Windsor in the district of Hartford, deceas'd, for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £102 17 6, lawful money, to discharge the debts due from said estate with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and it is hereby granted to him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £102 17 6, lawful money, to enable him to pay said debts together with necessary charges of sale; taking the directions of the court of probate in the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

Upon the memorial of Comfort Coleman, executrix of the estate of the late Nathaniel Coleman &c., praying for liberty to make sale of lands &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to her, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sums of £11 0 3½, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

On the memorial of Ira Church of East Hadam in Hartford county, executor on the last will and testament of John Church late of said East Hadam, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of East Hadam surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £165 14 5½, lawful money, and that there is no provision made in the last will and testament of the said deceas'd to sell lands to discharge the same, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise the sum of £165 14 5½ with the incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and

authority is hereby given to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as to raise said sum of £165 14 5½, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of East Hadam therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Calkins of New London, administrator *cum testamento annexo* on the estate of Nehemiah Smith late of New London, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the said deceas'd by his last will ordered a certain piece of land containing about five acres and three quarters to be sold and the avails to be divided among six of his, the said deceas'd's, daughters; praying for liberty and authority to make sale of said lands ordered to be sold by said will, agreeable thereto &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell and dispose of said land ordered to be sold as aforesaid, and the avails thereof when sold, deducting out the incident charges of sale &c., to divide and dispose of agreeable to the direction of said will; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Hovey of Canterbury, shewing to this Assembly that he and family conscientiously dissenting from the ministry and ecclesiastical administration established in the society of said Canterbury where he now dwells, and that he and family have for many years past attended on the ministry of Mr. John Palmer, now minister of the fourth ecclesiastical society in Windham, known by the name of Brunswick; praying this Assembly that he and his family and descendants may be annexed to and have and enjoy all the privileges, advantages and exemptions, which said society of Brunswick is by law intituled unto, and that the memorialist and descendants may for time to come be exempt from paying taxes for the support of the ministry or building or repairing meeting-houses in the society where he now dwells, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist and family and descendants shall be annexed

[479] to the said fourth || society in Windham, and they are hereby annexed to the fourth society in said Windham, there to have and enjoy all the privileges and advantages of said society, so long as they shall continue conscientiously to attend the publick worship in said society; and that the memorialist and family and descendants shall ever hereafter, so long as they shall attend the worship aforesaid, be exempted from paying taxes for the support of the ministry, building and repairing meeting-houses in the second society in Canterbury where he now dwells.

Upon the memorial of Nehemiah Howe, of Ashford in Windham county, shewing to this Assembly that he has lately moved into a house in the center of said town and a road greatly travelled, where a tavern is much wanted, praying that he may be licensed for that purpose, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have licence to keep a tavern in the house where he dwells in said Ashford; and the county court to be holden at Windham on the fourth Tuesday of June next are hereby directed to grant licence to said Howe, upon his giving bond in usual form to observe the laws &c.

Upon the memorial of Jedidiah Strong, one of the selectmen of Litchfield, in behalf of the selectmen and inhabitants of said Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that the listers of said town, in the return they made to the General Assembly holden at New Haven in October last of the grand list of said Litchfield, made a miscount of £3834 9 0 less than the true amount of the several lists then by them actually received; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be directed, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay out to the selectmen of said Litchfield the school money on said sum of £3834 9 0, as though it had been returned to said Assembly in October last.

On the memorial of Seth Payne, of Pomphret in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Benjamin Payne

of said Pomphrett, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts now due from and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Pomphret surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £48 19 2, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of said deceas'd's real estate as shall amount to the sum of £48 19 2, lawful money, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall amount to said sum of £48 19 2, L. money, with the incident charges of said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Pomphrett herein.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Brown, of Killingley in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Phillis, a free negro woman late of said Killingley, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd and cost of administration &c. amounts to the sum of £4 8 4, L. money, and that there is no personal estate of said deceas'd to pay said sum, and that said deceas'd's real estate amounts to the sum of £48 3 0, L. money, and praying to this Assembly for liberty to sell so much of said real estate as to pay said sum of £4 8 4, L. money, with the necessary charges arising thereon, taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the said memorialist, to sell so much of said real estate as to pay said sum of £4 8 4, L. money, with the necessary charges arising thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Brown, of Killingley, in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Charles, a free negro man late of said Killingley, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate of said deceas'd, the cost of administration, amounts to the sum of £4 8 4, L. money, and that there is no moveable estate to

pay said sum, and that the real estate of said deceas'd amounts to the sum of £14 10 0, L. money; praying to this Assembly for liberty to sell so much of said real estate as to pay said sum of £4 8 4, L. money, with the necessary charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay the sum of £4 8 4, L. money, and the necessary charges arising thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

[480] Upon the memorial of Beach Tomlinson, of Stratford in Fairfield county, administrator on the estate of Hannah Tomlinson late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said estate allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £40 16 0, L. money; praying for liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Mumford, Esqr, and the rest of the selectmen of Groton, shewing to this Assembly that the excise-master of the town of Groton in time pas'd hath paid in to the treasury of this Colony the sum of £24 15 0, L. money, more than said town of Groton hath credit for; praying that the same may be paid out of said treasury to said town, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of £24 15 0, and interest thereon arising, be paid to said town of Groton in the same manner and to the same amount as if it [had] been placed to the credit of said town at the time when paid in; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Joseph West, of Tolland in Hartford county, administrator on the estate of Samuel Barnerd late of said Tolland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of the deceas'd as exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £35 2 1¼; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with incident charges arising on said sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £35 2 1¼, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of Amos Richardson jun^r, of Coventry in Windham county, shewing to this Assembly that for a number of years past he hath kept a house of publick entertainment in said town of Coventry to the acceptance of the publick in general, and that he was about laying aside said business at present, but from the emergency of the times is willing to continue the same one year from the sitting of the county court to be holden at Windham on the fourth Tuesday of June next; praying this Assembly that he may be duly licenced for said purpose, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have licence, and license is hereby granted to him, to keep a house of public entertainment in the town of Coventry from the sitting of the county court to be holden at Windham in June next until the rising of said county court in June 1776, he giving bond to the clerk of the county court in said county according to law.

Upon the memorial of William Morgan, Esqr, of Groton, shewing to this Assembly that he hath lost ten forty-shilling bills of credit emitted by this Colony, by dropping the same into deep water, whereby they are destroyed; praying that the same may be paid to him out of the public treasury of

this Colony, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of twenty pounds bills of credit be allowed to said Morgan out of said treasury; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to pay the same to said Morgan accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Jurdon Post jun^{r}, executor of the last will and testament of John Post late of Hebron, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges of the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £20 4 6, L. money, and that no provision is made in said will for payment of the same; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will amount to said sum of £20 4 6 together with incident charges of sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be given, and liberty is hereby given to the said Jurdon Post, to sell so much of the real estate of said John Post, dec^{d}, as will amount to said sum of £20 4 6 together with incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of East Hadam therein.

[481] Upon the memorial of Susannah Stillman, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Stilman late of Saybrook, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that there is due from the estate of said deceas'd the sum of £39 18 11½, and that there is no personal estate of said deceas'd to pay the same; praying liberty to sell real estate to pay the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Field, Esqr, of Saybrook, and the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise said sum of £39 18*s*. 11½*d*., L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; they taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Hard and Phebe Hard his wife, both of Ridgfield in the county of Fairfield, administrators of the estate of Josiah Gilbert late of said Ridgfield,

deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts allowed by the court of probate for the district of Danbury against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £69 6 2, L. money; that the real estate of said deceas'd consists of a small piece of land and dwelling-house thereon, and a grist-mill, which grist-mill by being divided will be much depreciated; praying for liberty to make sale of the whole of said mill, as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to make sale of the whole of said grist-mill, to enable them to pay said sum of £69 6 2, and that they account to the heirs of said deceas'd for the overplus, if any be, deducting the incident charge arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court for the district of Danbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Howland, Dudley Woodbridge and others, of Norwich in the 20th regiment, praying to be established in a military company &c., as per memorial on file,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialists be and they are hereby made and constituted a military company, distinguished by the name of the Norwich Light Infantry, consisting of sixty-four rank and file, equip'd with proper arms and uniformly dress'd, subject to the command of the field officers of said twentieth regiment, and holden to do the duties that other military companies by law are; and that said company have liberty by voluntary inlistment to compleat their number of sixty-four effective men, rank and file, provided no one company in said regiment be reduced by such inlistment below the number by law allowed to a military company. And said company have liberty by their major vote to nominate and appoint days and times of meeting for military exercise, over and above the days and times by law required, and to set fines and penalties on such soldiers as shall without good reason neglect to attend on duty with said company, which fines and penalties shall not exceed those by law prefixed and shall be collected in the same man-

ner and by warrant from the chief officer of said company as fines in other companies are collected, and when collected by the clerk shall be disposed of for the benefit of said company as they by their major vote shall order. And no officer or soldier whilst belonging to said company shall be holden to do military service in any other company in said regiment until dismissed from said company: but when any soldier is dismissed from said company he shall do duty in the military company where he dwells, unless finally dismissed or by law excused from military service. And the colonel of said regiment, or in his absence the lieutenant-colonel of said regiment, or major, shall cause said company to be duly warned and lead them to a choice of commission and other necessary officers for said company, and make proper return of his doings to this or some future Assembly. And the captain, lieutenant and ensign, duly chosen and returned from time to time, shall be commissioned accordingly. And the captain and one other of the commission officers of said company shall have full power to dismiss any non-commission officer or soldier upon application made and sufficient reason given. And when any officer or soldier shall be dismissed or removed from said company, others may be chosen or inlisted in their stead by the vote of said company.

Upon the memorial of Joseph West of Tolland, administrator on the estate of Samuel Barnerd late of Toland, deceas'd, and Moses Barnerd of Toland, the only surviving son of Doctor Thomas Barnerd of Toland, shewing to this Assembly that some time in the year 1769, the said Thomas Barnerd made a distribution of his real estate to and among his sons Samuel and Aaron, at which time it was agreed by the said Thomas Barnerd and his children that as he, the said Thomas, was unable to take care of and provide for himself and wife, that Samuel Barnerd, one of the sons of said Thomas, should then undertake to take care of and provide for him, said Thomas, and wife during their natural lives, and as a reward therefor should have of the real estate of said Thomas the sum of one hundred pounds, lawful money, over and above his just pro-

portion of said estate, which said sum of one hundred pounds was accordingly secured to said Samuel for the maintenance of the said Thomas and his wife; who then undertook and did provide for them until the death of the wife of said Thomas in the year 1773, soon after which the said Samuel died intestate, and left his estate principally in lands, and a [482] family of small || children, all minors; that since the death of said Samuel administration hath been granted on his estate to Joseph West, one of the memorialists, and the said Thomas still remaining unable to support himself, and said memorialist finding it very difficult and expensive to the estate of said deceas'd to provide for and maintain the said Thomas, hath agreed, with the advice of the widow of said Samuel and other friends &c., that Moses Barnerd, the only surviving son of the said Thomas, should undertake to provide for and support said Thomas for and during his natural life for the sum of £68 0 0, lawful money, to be paid in land out of the estate of said deceas'd, to be apprized by indifferent men, which is judged to be no more than a meet recompence therefor; praying for liberty to dispose of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be apprized at the sum of £68 0 0, L. money, for the purpose aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist, Joseph West, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said Joseph West, to convey so much of the real estate of said deceased to the said Moses Barnerd as shall be apprized at said sum of £68 0 0, upon his, the said Moses Barnerd, giving sufficient security for the maintenance of the said Thomas Barnerd without further cost or charge to the estate of said Samuel deceas'd.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Orsborn, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that at the General Assembly held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October 1767, the memorialist and David Burr, Esqr, then in life now deceas'd, were authorized and impowered to make sale of the whole real estate of Thaddeus Osborn of said Fairfield, a distracted person; that part of said estate

was sold in the life time of said Burr, part yet remains unsold and yields but little profit &c.; praying that some meet person may be impowered to make sale of the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to make sale of the whole real estate of said Thadeus Osborn that remains undisposed of, and that the monies arising on such sale be improved by said Daniel Osborn for the maintenance of said Thadeus Osborn from time to time as his circumstances shall require, and that said Daniel Osborn be accountable from time to time to the county court in Fairfield county, as conservators by law are.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Wheat, Isaac Tracy jun^r and others, of Norwich, shewing to this Assembly that the second and eleventh military companies in the town of Norwich lying contiguous in limits to each other have lately greatly decreased in numbers by removals and otherwise, and that the soldiers belonging to both said companies are not too numerous for one convenient military company; praying that said two companies may be united into one distinct company by the name of the second military company in said town &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said two companies be and they are hereby united into one military company, to be limited by the external limits of the said second and eleventh company, invested with the same liberties and priveleges and subject to the same regulations that other military companies in this Colony by law are. And the captain of said second company, or in his absence the captain of said eleventh company, is hereby directed to give warning to all persons within the limits of said two united companies by law allowed to vote for military officers, to meet at some convenient time and place to choose commission and other officers for said united company, and lead them to a choice of such officers for said company, and make return of his doings in the premises to this or some future Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Jeffery of Groton, executrix of the last will and testament of John Jeffery late of

Groton, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that there is now due from said estate the sum of £299 4 10, and no personal estate left to pay the same, and no provision in said will for selling any real estate but outlands to pay the same, and that the outlands cannot by any means be sold at any reasonable rate for that purpose; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd which will sell to the best advantage as to raise the said sum of £299 4 10 together with the incident charges arising on such sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Thomas Mumford, Esqr, and the memorialist have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd, including said lands ordered to be sold as aforesaid, as to raise the said sum of £299 4 10, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; they taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

[483] Upon the memorial of Samuel Hinman and Bethiel Hinman, of Woodbury in Litchfield county, praying for the privilege of keeping a ferry over Ousatonuck River between Woodbury and Newtown, under the same regulations that the said ferry was granted to Captain Wait Hinman, deceas'd, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Hinman and Bethiel Hinman have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted unto them, to keep said ferry under the same rules, obligations and regulations, as was granted unto the said Wait Hinman, deceas'd; during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of William Pote, of Casco Bay in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of January last past he purchased in this Colony six hundred bushels of indian corn, three hundred bushels of rye, thirty barrels of pork, twenty bushels of beans, forty barrels of flour, and one ton of ship bread, with a view to transport the same to said Casco Bay, to supply the people there with necessaries, who are now in great streights; praying for liberty to transport said articles to said Casco Bay,

notwithstanding the embargo lately laid by this Colony, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is by this Assembly permitted and allowed, to take on board and carry away said six hundred bushels of indian corn, three hundred bushels of rye, thirty barrels of pork, twenty bushels of beans, forty barrels of flour, and one ton of ship bread, on condition he procure sufficient bond for the faithful transporting and landing said articles at the port of Casco Bay and lodge such bond with the naval officer for the port of New Haven within this Colony. The said bond to be made payable to the Governor and Company of this Colony, for the use of this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Doan Cook, of Durham in the county of New Haven, executor of the last will and testament of Thomas Cook late of said Durham, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd, with some allowance to the widow of said deceas'd, surmount the moveable part of the estate of said deceas'd the sum of £5 18 9½, L money, and that no provision is made in and by said last will and testament for the payment of the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £5 18 9½, lawful money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Hezekiah Sanford, of Redding in the county of Fairfield, conservator of the person and estate of Betty Bennit of said Redding, an impotent woman, shewing to this Assembly that he hath expended toward the support and maintenance of said Betty Bennit the sum of £13 3 0, lawful money, which hath been allowed by Fairfield county court, and for the payment of which the said Betty hath no moveable estate; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Betty as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with the incident charges arising on such sale, as

per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said Betty Bennit as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £13 3 0, with the incident charges of such sale.

Upon the memorial of the town of Coventry, shewing to this Assembly that the burthen of repairing highways according to the directions of the law as it now stands falls very unequally upon the inhabitants of said town; praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town, during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That said town of Coventry have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town of Coventry, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town, and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for repairing the highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered by their selectmen, or a committee chosen by said town annually or from time to time as occasion may require, to divide the highways in said town into districts, and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highway to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so [484] raised by said town || according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any Assistant or justice of the peace are hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyor to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts in the same manner and form as town taxes are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected

to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereto required after the same becomes payable to said collector. And all surplus of such monies as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired, shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and by him or his successor in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively, in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided.

And it is further resolved, That this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Coventry during the pleasure of this Assembly. And in case the town of Coventry shall neglect to practice thereon, then the same shall not be construed as to said town to alter or in any way affect the general laws of this Colony respecting the repairs of highways as the same now stand.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That if the money so raised as aforesaid in said town should be found insufficient to defray the expence of repairing the highways in said town, then and in that case said highways shall be further and sufficiently repaired by force and directions of the law of this Colony; anything in this act notwithstanding. Provided, nevertheless, that such rate or tax shall not be levied on the estate of any person or persons not belonging to and residing in said town of Coventry.

Upon the memorial of Moss Kent and Mary his wife, both of Fairfield in Fairfield county, and Samuel Hazard, Mercy Hazard, Anna Hazard, Abigail Hazard and John Hazard, all of said Fairfield, minors under age and children of John Hazard late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, by their guardians the said Moss and Mary Kent, and William Henderson and Mary his wife, of Philips Town in the Province of New York, the said Mary being one of the children of said deceas'd John, shewing to this Assembly that the said deceas'd John at his death died seized of an elegant new and large dwelling-house and home lot at the Mill River, so called, in said Fairfield,

valued and apprized in the inventory of said deceas'd at the sum of £500 0 0, and that the same has been distributed as follows, *viz:* a right of £166 13 4 to said Mary Kent, the late widow of said deceas'd John, as her dower therein, and a right of £28 6 4 to Joseph Hazard, a son of said deceas'd John, who is since deceas'd without leaving any issue or any will, and that the remainder of said house and home lot was distributed in equal shares to the said Mary Henderson, Anna Hazard, and Mercy Hazard, and that the said doweress' interest therein is left to be distributed among all the heirs of said deceas'd John after her decease, and that several of said heirs are under age, and that the premises cannot be rented so as to keep them in repair; praying that the same may be ordered to be sold &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Joseph Wakeman of Fairfield, in conjunction with such of the memorialists as are of full age, have liberty, and liberty and authority are hereby given and granted to them, to make sale of said house and home lot distributed as aforesaid to the best advantage, and that the said Mary Kent shall have and annually receive during her natural life so much of the interest that shall arise on the money raised on such sale as her proportion in the said house and lot aforesaid amounts to according to her right distributed and set off to her in said distribution; and that the residue of said monies shall be divided out to and among the rest of the heirs of said deceas'd John according to their right and interest in said house and home lot according to said distribution and the last will and testament of said deceased John; and that the monies arising on such sale that belongs to such of the memorialists as are minors under age shall be loaned out on interest; and that the person or persons hiring the same shall be obliged to procure such sufficient sureties for the repayment thereof as shall be approved of by the judge of probate within and for the district of Fairfield; and that such sale shall be made under the direction and advice of said court of probate.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Steel of Toland in Hartford county, administrator on the estate of John Huntington late

of said Toland, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd sur- [485] mount the || moveable inventoried part of said estate as exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford the sum of £202 16 1¼, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum with incident charges arising on said sale: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £202 16 1¼, lawful money, with incident charges on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

The Sums Total of the Additions (single and fourfold) to the Lists of the several Towns in this Colony sent in to this Assembly are as follows, viz.:

	Single.			Fourfold.		
Hartford,	£342	3*s.*	6*d.*	£0	0*s.*	0*d.*
Weathersfield,	238	7	7	326	5	0
East Windsor,	690	1	6	0	0	0
Symsbury,	0	0	0	0	0	0
Windsor,	459	15	6	0	0	0
Farmington,	282	16	0	1570	8	0
Suffield,	332	12	0	0	0	0
East Hadam,	400	3	0	144	16	0
Stafford,	537	15	0	0	0	0
Haddam,	315	18	0	287	8	0
Colchester,	702	17	0	1261	12	0
Somers,	121	3	0	0	0	0
Hebron,	700	0	0	0	0	0
Glastonbury,	249	9	9	0	0	0
Midletown,	1137	16	8	0	0	0
Bolton,	50	19	0	490	16	0
Tolland,	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willington,	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enfield,	502	17	0	0	0	0
Chatham,	189	11	0	32	12	0
New Haven,	1319	4	9	200	0	0
Durham,	45	12	0	277	12	0
Guilford,	34	4	0	440	12	0
Darby,	389	3	8	0	0	0

Waterbury,	783	3	9	-	-	-	31	12	0
Milford,	405	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Branford,	70	19	0	-	-	-	42	16	0
Wallingford,	562	12	6	-	-	-	1529	18	0
New London,	482	6	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Norwich,	458	3	0	-	-	-	2268	17	5
Stonington,	505	12	4	-	-	-	965	0	0
Killingworth,	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Groton,	483	1	0	-	-	-	581	10	0
Preston,	157	18	0	-		-	0	0	0
Lyme,	665	19	1	-	-	-	104	0	0
Saybrook,	46	19	0	-	-	-	429	10	0
Fairfield,	1035	0	7	-	-	-	76	4	0
Stratford,	1082	6	3	-	-	-	0	0	0
Stamford,	194	14	3	-	-	-	321	2	0
Danbury,	354	9	11	-	-	-	362	7	0
Ridgfield,	158	9	1	-	-	-	276	12	0
Reading,	114	1	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Norwalk,	980	8	0	-	-	-	568	16	0
Newtown,	288	17	3	-	-	-	0	0	0
New Fairfield,	216	5	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
Greenwich,	401	6	0	-	-	-	32	0	0
Windham,	1287	13	10	-	-	-	38	12	0
Lebanon,	883	3	0	-	-	-	504	16	0
Mansfield,	481	8	6	-	-	-	18	6	0
Woodstock,	576	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Coventry	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Canterbury,	1567	7	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
Killingley,	848	3	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
Pomfret,	595	8	0	-	-	-	113	0	0
Ashford,	236	13	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Plainfield,	263	4	0	-	-		0	0	0
Voluntown,	384	12	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Litchfield,	4153	2	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Woodbury,	1379	5	6	-	-	-	20	0	0
Salisbury,	1222	4	0	-	-	-	377	5	0
Kent,	399	15	2	-	-	-	0	0	0
Canaan,	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Sharon,	473	14	0	-	-	-	398	8	0
New Milford,	879	7	7	-	-	-	15	0	0
Goshen,	348	5	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
New Hartford,	145	5	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Cornwall,	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Torrington,	116	16	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Harwington,	251	18	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Westmoreland,	813	0	0	-	-	-	574	0	0

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Niles, of Norwich in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that it is of importance that the manufacturing of iron wire, upon which the woolen and cotton manufacturies so greatly depend, should be set up and carried on with the greatest expedition, which the memorialist is willing to undertake and pursue upon proper encouragement, and hath made some progress therein &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jabez Huntington, Samuel Huntington and Elijah Backus, all of Norwich, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine into the matters contained in said [486] memorial || and the necessary expences of erecting proper works for the manufacturing of iron wire, and what encouragement may be properly given the memorialist therefor; and if said committee upon due examination shall judge it reasonable and expedient, they are hereby impowered to draw their order on the Colony Treasurer for any sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, to be paid by said Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the same to the memorialist upon his giving good security to the acceptance of said committee, that said sum shall be improved solely for the setting up and carrying on said manufactory, and that the principal sum so receiv'd shall be repaid at the expiration of four years after received, without any interest thereon.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary of this Colony be directed to send to the towns of Torrington and New Hartford to return to this Assembly in October next the whole of their lists, the exemption that hath been granted to the society of Torringford notwithstanding; and also to all the rest of the towns in this Colony that are incorporated that have not yet sent in their lists.

Resolved by this Assembly, That in all cases between party and party depending before this Assembly and in which committees have been heretofore appointed to examine and report according to law, that the powers of said committees be continued till the General Assembly to be held at New Haven in October next, and that they shall have power and authority,

and power and authority is hereby given to such committee severally, to proceed and examine into the several matters that have been committed to them as aforesaid, and make report to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next.

This Assembly do appoint Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, Colo. Samuel Wyllys, Mr. Ezra Selden, Mr. William Hawley, Mr. Jonathan Trumbull jun^{r} and Maj^{r} Samuel Canfield, to audit and adjust the Colony accounts with John Lawrence, Esqr, the present Treasurer of this Colony.

Whereas the situation of public affairs are such at present that the attention of the public is called off from private matters to things of greater importance: Therefore resolved, that the consideration of all private business of a civil and disputable nature be referred over to the sessions of this Assembly in October next.

This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Honble Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to John Lawrence, Esqr, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds for his salary the year past as Treasurer of this Colony.

This Assembly grants to George Wyllys, Esqr, Secretary of this Colony, the sum of twenty pounds for his salary the year past.

Upon the memorial of John Redfield and Lucretia Redfield his wife, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, executors of the last will and testament of Henry Marquand late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £77 3 9, L. money, and that no provision is made in said last will and

[487] testament for payment of said || sum; praying for liberty to make sale of real estate &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £77 3 9 with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the said court of probate therein.

This Assembly is adjourned by proclamation &c. until the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

At this session the House of Representatives appointed Nathaniel Wales, Thaddeus Burr and Pierpont Edwards a committee to wait on the Provincial Congress of New York and the Provincial Congress of New Jersey, in order to procure intelligence of the measures that might be adopted by them respecting the common cause of the British Colonies; to communicate a true state of the measures taken by the Colony of Connecticut, and to cultivate the friendship and harmony subsisting between those Provinces and this Colony. They appeared before the New York Congress May 24th. Messrs. Wales and Burr set out for home on the 26th, and Mr. Edwards proceeded to Trenton where he appeared before the Provincial Congress of New Jersey on the 29th. He was in New York on his way home June 6th. A letter from the Connecticut Commissioners to Mr. Speaker Williams, dated May 23d, is in *Am. Archives*, 4th series, ii, 685, and their account for their service is in *Rev. War*, i, 318, 319. *Journal of the N. Y. Provincial Congress*, i, 10–12, 29, 30. *Minutes of the Provincial Congress of N. J.*, 175, 178.

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[1] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE OF WAR, CALLED BY HIS HONOR AND HELD AT LEBANON, WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1775.

Present:

His Honor the Governor,

The Honble Deputy Govr Griswold,

Honble Jabez Huntington, Esqr,

Wm. Williams,
Nath^ll^ Wales,
Jed^h^ Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Benja. Huntington, } Esq^rs^.

Wm. Williams was desired and appointed Clerk of this Council.

His Honor laid before this Committee sundry letters newly received from the Honble Committee of War, the Committee of Safety, the Committee of Supplies, for the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, from Brigadier-Generals Spencer and Putnam, of the Connecticut troops at the camp near Boston, all earnestly requesting a quantity of powder to be sent forthwith to supply their present necessity, and engaging to pay for or refund it &c. &c.

This Committee, taking the said requests into consideration, and the circumstances of the case being considered, do agree, direct and order, that fifty whole barrels, containing about one hundred weight each, of gunpowder belonging to this Col-

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ASSIST THE GOVERNOR WHEN THE ASSEMBLY IS NOT SITTING, HELD AT LEBANON ON THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1775.*

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*

The Honble Matthew Griswold, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Williams, Esqr,
Joshua West, Esqr,
Jedidiah Elderkin, Esqr,
Nathaniel Wales Junr, Esqr,
Benjamin Huntington, Esqr, } *Committee.*

Absent:

Eliph^t^ Dyer, Esqr, at Philadelphia, Samuel Huntington, Esqr., unwell.

On application from the General Committee of Safety, and of Supplies for Massachusetts, and on desire of Brigadier-General Putnam to furnish powder, on the present emergency, for the use at the camp at Cambridge and Roxbury,

* Lying loose in the Council Book 1770–1774 are six leaves containing doings of the Council of Safety from June 7th to August 2d, 1775. With the exception of the last paragraph, the report of the first meeting, printed in this column, is in the handwriting of Governor Trumbull and varies from the record somewhat in phraseology though not in substance. The remainder of the manuscript does not differ materially from the record.

[2] ony ‖ be forthwith sent and forwarded to the said camp, to the care and conduct of said Brigadier-Generals Spencer and Putnam, *viz.* twenty barrels of that under the care of Col. Jabez Huntington at Norwich, twenty barrels of that under the care of Capt. Jz. Huntington of Windham, and ten barrels of that under the care of Col. Wm. Williams at Lebanon, to be sent 10 barrels in a load, packed into common barrels and the vacant room to be filled with rye or other grain, and gave orders to said gentlemen accordingly to forward the same, signed by the Governor.

It was then moved by his Honor the Governor, that Col. Parsons's regiment, part of the troops lately raised for defence &c., now stationed at New London, or part of them, should be sent and ordered to proceed to the camp near Boston &c.

The motion was considered and largely discussed, and it was on the question voted and ordered, that said Col. Parsons [3] with the company under his ‖ immediate command, and the company under the command of Capt. Chapman in said regiment, be ordered to proceed to the camp aforesaid and join the troops heretofore sent and stationed there by the Honble Assembly.

Voted, That fifty barrels of powder, which contain 108*lb.* each, be forthwith sent to the care and to be used at the discretion of our Brigadiers Generals Spencer and Putnam, and that the Governor be desired to write letters accordingly.

Voted and ordered, That Colo. Jabez Huntington of Norwich send forward out of that in his care, with care and secrecy, two loads, to be headed up in barrels, with rye to fill up, consisting of 10 *bbs.* each, is 20 bbs.

That Colo. William Williams, of Lebanon, out of that in his care, 10 bbs. 10 bbs.

That Capt. Jabez Huntington, of Windham, out of that in his care, 2 loads, 10 bbs. each, 20 bbs.

Out of the Colony stores in their hands, and orders were made out by the Governor accordingly.

Voted, That two companies of the sixth regiment raised for the special defence of this Colony, and commanded by Colo. Samuel H. Parsons, *viz.* that under the colonel's own command, and the fifth company whereof James Chapman is captain, do immediately march to Boston, or some place adjacent, and join the other forces of this Colony under the command of Briga. General Spencer, and each soldier in said two companies be

Then on motion by his Honor voted and ordered, that the general officers of this Colony troops order such quantity of fish and hog's lard, for the use of said troops at said camp, as they shall judge reasonable and necessary.

And then the meeting was dismiss'd near sun setting.

Recorded ꝑ W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

N. B. Capt. Rich[d] Deshon of N. London, one of the committee appointed by the Assembly to provide carriages for and mount the cannon at N. London &c., being in town; came and moved for the opinion and advice of this Committee, whether he should procure iron carriage wheels for said cannon, and also whether he should mount and fix two small pieces in the form necessary and proper to be used as field pieces &c., And

On consideration &c., it was signified to him as the opinion of said Committee that he should do so as both said motions.

furnished with one pound of powder, three pounds of bullets and sufficient number of flints; and the Governor is desired to give his orders accordingly. *Orders were given, dated 7th June,* 1775.

Voted, That the commissary general do deliver out to the soldiers fish and hog's fat from time to time, at the discretion and direction of one of the general officers; whereof the Governor is desired to [give] information to the general officers and the commissary.

Capt. Rich[d] Deshon of N. London, one of the committee appointed by the Assembly to provide carriages for and mount the cannon at N. London, and being in town, came and moved for the opinion and advice of this committee, whether he should procure some carriage-wheels for said cannon, and also whether he should mount and fix two small pieces in that form necessary and proper to be used as field pieces &c.: On consideration &c., it was signified to him as the opinion of said committee, that he should do according to both motions.

1775. Saturday 17th June, 1775.

[4] AT A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AT LEBANON, CALLED BY HIS HONOR THE GOVERNOR.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
The Hon[ble] D. Gov Griswold.
Jz. Huntington, Esq[r].
Sam[ll] Huntington, Esq[r].

Wm. Williams,
Nath^{ll} Wales,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Benja. Huntington, Esqr.

The Governor laid before this Committee sundry letters received since the last meeting, from the President of the Continental Congress, from our Delegates at said Congress, from Genl Spencer, Putnam, &c. &c., requesting a further supply of powder at the camp near Boston, that Col. Parsons's regiment be sent there &c. &c.

On motion by me* for advice about the price of Gun-Locks proposed to be made by Uri Hanks of Mansfield, and shewing one of them &c., for which he demands 12*s*. each, and advised and voted, that if they cannot be had for less, that I engage them at that price: *i. e.* 50 proposed to be made by the time &c.

On motion &c. Voted and ordered the remaining six companies [5] of Col. Parsons' regiment, ‖ now at N. London under the command of Lt. Col. Tyler, march forthwith and join the camp near Boston, supplied with ammunition &c. as others have been, and directed Mr. Shaw, (who was present,) to supply them accordingly out of the Colony stores in his hands.

On motion &c., Voted and desired Mr. Shaw, (present,) to use his best endeavours to procure the quantity of powder heretofore ordered &c. where it may be had, at the risque of the Colony, and to lay in his account.

A motion for sending more powder to the army near Boston had been made and was negatived, was resumed, and on reconsideration voted and ordered, that ten whole barrels more be sent there, to the care of Gen^{ls} Spencer and Putnam, and Col. Jz. Huntington directed to send it from Norwich.

Many things discoursed &c., and being near night adjourned to Monday next, 9 o'clock a. m.

Monday 19, A. M., met according to adjournment.

N. B. The news of the Charlestown engagement arrived here last night about 10 o'clock.

On motion, agreed and voted, that Mr. Bissell, commissary, send down to our army all the cloth he has for tents, being sufficient for forty, and that Capt. Trumbull, gen^{l} commissary, procure the rest [6] on the place and get ‖ them all made by some of the poor tent-

* William Williams.

makers escaped from Boston, *i. e.* enough to supply Gen[l] Putnam's regiment.

It was moved and represented, that the colour of blue, being ordered for the standard of our 2d regiment, cannot be obtained &c.

Voted, That the colour of green be substituted in its stead.

A letter in answer to Col. Wolcott and Mr. Strong. of Litchfield, relating to supplying Colo. Hinman's regiment at Ticonderoga &c.. prepared and approved.

A letter in answer to do. of Col. Hinman prepared and approved.

And the same to Col. Arnold at C. Point.

It was moved and represented, that it would be a saving of expence and more healthy and agreeable to our soldiers near Boston, to be supplied more fresh and less salt provisions &c., and on consideration it was agreed and ordered that they be furnished with fresh beef three days per week instead of two.

The manner of furnishing them with beer is referred to the discretion of the proper officers, and also of soap.

[7] Moved, that some order be taken concerning ‖ a company of soldiers of this Colony now at the camp near Boston, under the command of Capt. Jn° Perrit, which is a supernumerary company, not raised by or under the establishment of this Colony. Whereupon this Council taking into consideration the circumstances of said captain and company, do resolve and order, that said captain and company continue and be improved in the common service there, under such regulations as shall be made by the proper officers of the army, and that they be supplied in the same manner as the other Connecticut troops, until the General Assembly of this Colony shall have opportunity to consider and give further or other orders concerning them, and that in the mean time it be recommended that they be intitled to and receive the same pay and allowance as the other soldiers of this Colony.

This order to take place unless the general and other proper officers of our troops shall judge their continuance in said service unnecessary.

On motion of the difficulties the said army are and must be under, for want of a general and commander in chief of the whole body raised by different Colonies &c., and a due subordination: On consideration &c., voted, that his Honor the Governor be [8] advised to give orders to our officers and soldiers ‖ to be subordinate and yield obedience to the general and commanding officer

of the troops of the Massachusetts Bay, while they act in that Province, and until the Governor with advice shall see fit to order otherwise.

A resolve of the Congress of New York, requesting Gen[l] Wooster's regiment and Col. Waterbury's to march within five miles of the city of N. York, (they expecting troops from Great Britain &c.)

Voted and ordered, on consideration thereof and of Gen[l] Wooster's request for direction, both laid before this Board, *viz.* that said general with seven of his companies, and all Col. Waterbury's regiment march to within five miles of the city of New York, and into the city if properly requested, and their conduct to be under the direction of the Continental Congress and of the Congress of said Province of New York, unless and until he shall receive other and different orders.

Voted and ordered, That two companies of said Gen[l] Wooster's regiment march to N. London and be stationed there instead of Col. Parsons' regiment ordered to be removed from thence, — and

Adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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[9] Tuesday, June 20, 1775.

Met according to adjournment.

An order subjecting our officers and soldiers to the command of the Massachusetts Commander in Chief during their continuance in that Province, or until further orders, was read and agreed to.

A letter to Gen[ll] Ward, informing him thereof and inclosing a copy of said order, read and approved.

A letter to D. Gov. Cook of Rhode Island, informing him of the same and moving him to do the same respecting the troops of that Colony, read and approved.

A letter to the N. Hampshire Congress, of like tenor and for the same purpose also, read and approved.

A letter to Gen[l] Spencer inclosing a copy of said order of subordination &c. read and approved, and another to the same purpose and copy to Gen[l] Putnam.

An order to Gen[l] Wooster, to send two of his companies to N. London and march with his remaining seven and all Col. Waterbury's regiment to within 5 miles of N. York and be under the direction of the General and Provincial Congress till further orders read and approved.

A letter to said Gen[l] Wooster inclosing said orders &c. prepared, read and approved.

A letter to our Delegates at the Congress prepared, passed &c.

[10] *Voted*, That his Honor be desired to send to Hartford and order the powder which was coming from N. York and stop'd at Stanford,* if not come forward, to be sent for and forwarded immediately to the army near Boston.

And then adjourned without day.

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[489] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quinto.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT HARTFORD BY SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF SAID COLONY ON SATURDAY THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1775.

Present:

The Hon[ble] Jonathan Trumbull, Esq[r], *Governor.*

The Hon[ble] Mathew Griswold, Esq[r], *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esq[r], Abraham Davenport, Esq[r],
Elisha Sheldon, Esq[r], William Samuel Johnson, Esq[r],
Jabez Huntington, Esq[r], Oliver Wolcott, Esq[r],
William Pitkin, Esq[r], Samuel Huntington, Esq[r],
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Colo. Samuel Wyllys, for Hartford.
Colo. Thomas Belding, for Weathersfield.
Mr. William Wolcott, Colo. Erastus Wolcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Judah Holcomb, Mr. Asahel Holcomb, for Symsbury.
Capt. Henry Allyn, Capt. Josiah Phelps, for Windsor.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Mr. Jonathan Root, for Farmington.
Mr. Alexander King, Capt. John Leavitt, for Suffield.
Mr. Daniel Braynerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.

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* Not that referred to vol. xiv, 392, but some forwarded by the New York Provincial Congress June 10th. *Journal N. Y. Provincial Cong.*, i, 38, 52. *Am. Archives*, 4th series, ii, 1035.

Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Joseph Smith, for Haddam.
Colo. Henry Champion, Doctr John Watrous, for Colchester.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Capt. Emery Pease, for Somers.
Capt. Benja. Buell, Capt. Obadiah Horsford, for Hebron.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Ebenezer Plumer, for Glastonbury.
Colo. Mathew Talcott, Mr. Titus Hosmer, for Midletown.
Mr. Benja Trumbull, for Bolton.
Colo. Samuel Chapman, for Tolland.
Majr Elijah Fenton, Capt. Timothy Pearl, for Willington.
Majr Nathaniel Terry, Mr. Nathaniel Chapin, for Enfield.
Mr. David Sage, Mr. Ebenezer White, for Chatham.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Capt. Jonathan Fitch, for New Haven.
Colo. James Wadsworth, Mr. Daniel Hall, for Durham.
[490] Mr. John Burgiss, for Guilford.
Capt. John Holbrook, Mr. Joseph Hull, for Darby.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Colo. Jona. Baldwin, for Waterbury.
Mr. Ephraim Strong, for Milford.
Capt. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Samuel Beach, Capt. Thadeus Cook, for Wallingford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hillhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, for Norwich.
Mr. Nathaniel Minor, for Stonington.
Capt. Elnathan Stephens, Capt. John Pierson, for Killingworth.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Capt. Roger Sterry, for Preston.
Mr. Marshfield Parsons, Mr. Ezra Selden, for Lyme.
Capt. Benja. Williams, for Saybrook.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, Capt. Samuel Squire, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Colo. Ichabod Lewiss, for Stratford.
Colo. Charles Webb, for Stamford.
Capt. Lemuel Moorehouse, for Ridgfield.
Mr. William Hawley, for Redding.
Colo. Thomas Fitch, for Norwalk.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell, for New Fairfield.
Colo. John Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. John Beach, for Newtown.
Colo. Jedediah Elderkin, Mr. Ebenezer Devotion, for Windham.

Colo. William Williams, Mr. Jonathan Trumbull junr, for Lebanon.
Mr. Nathaniel Atwood, for Mansfield.
Capt. Elisha Child, Capt. Samuel McClellan, for Woodstock.
Capt. Ebenezr Kingsbury, Mr. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Mr. David Pain, Mr. Eliashib Adams, for Canterbury.
Mr. Stephen Crosby, Capt. Eleazer Warren, for Killingley.
Mr. Elisha Lord, for Pomphret.
Capt. Benja. Sumner, Capt. Ichabod Ward, for Ashford.
Capt. James Bradford, Mr. William Robinson, for Plainfield.
Majr James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Colo. Joshua Porter, Capt. Abiel Camp, for Salisbury.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbel junr, Capt. Eliphalet Whittlesey, for Kent.
Mr. Asahel Bebee, Capt. Samuel Forbs, for Canaan.
Majr Ebenezr Gay, Mr. James Pardey, for Sharon.
Majr Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Boardman, for New Milford.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Capt. Samuel Nash, for Goshen.
Majr Abel Merrell, Mr. Zebulon Merrell, for New Hartford.
Mr. Heman Swift, Capt. Thomas Porter, for Cornwall.
Majr Epaphras Sheldon, for Torrington.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Mr. Mark Prindle, for Harwington.
[491] William Williams, Esqr, Speaker } of the House of Rep-
Richard Law, Esqr, Clerk } resentatives.

An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act for assembling, equipping &c. a Number of the Inhabitants of this Colony for the special Defence and Safety thereof, passed at the General Assembly held at Hartford by special Order of the Governor on Wednesday the 26th Day of April 1775.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That in addition to and reinforcement of the inhabitants in and by said act directed to be assembled &c., a further body of fourteen hundred men, exclusive of commission officers, be forthwith inlisted, equipped, accoutered and assembled, for the special defence and safety of this Colony, to serve

during the pleasure of this Assembly, not exceeding five months, and to be led and conducted as the General Assembly shall order. That the inhabitants so to be inlisted and assembled shall be formed into two regiments of ten companies each, and each company consist of seventy non-commission'd officers and privates besides commission officers, with the same number of field, commission and staff officers as in the regiments already raised and assembled for the defence of this Colony by the act aforesaid. And that the said troops, both officers and soldiers, shall receive the same bounty, pay, allowance for arms, blankets, knapsacks, accoutrements and provisions, be furnished with the same quantity of ammunition, and in every respect be under the same regulations as in and by said act is already provided and directed for the troops assembled for the defence of this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint the persons hereafter named to the respective offices hereinafter mentioned, to take the command of the inhabitants to be inlisted and assembled for the special defence and safety of this Colony, in addition to the six regiments heretofore raised for the same purpose, to lead and conduct them as the General Assembly shall order; and his Honor the Governor is desired, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to give commissions according to the form provided and ordered for each respective officer according to his office and rank, and warrants to such as are appointed on the staff, *viz:*

This Assembly do appoint Charles Webb, Esqr, Colonel of the seventh regiment and Captain, Ebenezer Hill Captain-Lieutenant, Stephen Betts jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, Silvanus Mead Ensign, of the 1st company in the 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Street Hall, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel of the seventh regiment and Captain, William Hull 1st Lieutenant, Stephen Potter 2d Lieutenant, Titus Moss Ensign, of the 2d company in the 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Lattimer jun^{r}, Esqr, Major and Captain, Nathan Hale 1st Lieutenant, John Belch-

er 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Hilliard Ensign, of the 3d company in the 7th regiment.[a]

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Hoit Captain, Joseph Allen Wright 1st Lieutenant, Gamaliel Northrup jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, John Odell Ensign, of the 4th company in the 7th regiment.

[492] This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Tuttle Captain, John Watkins 1st Lieutenant,[b] Lemuel Gibbs 2d Lieutenant, Samuel Hurlburt Ensign, of the 5th company, 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Shipman Captain, Aaron Stevens 1st Lieutenant, Lemuel Nichols 2d Lieutenant,[c] John Shumway Ensign, of the 6th company, 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Bostwick Captain, Jesse Kimball 1st Lieutenant, Peter Mills 2d Lieutenant, Daniel Brinsmade Ensign, of the 7th company, 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint William Gaylord Hubbel Captain, John Trowbridge jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Jesse Cook 2d Lieutenant, David Lilley Ensign, of the 8th company, 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Peter Perrit jun^{r} Captain, John Yates 1st Lieutenant, Henry Firman[d] 2d Lieutenant, Charles Pond Ensign, of the 9th company, 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Eli Leavenworth Captain, William Rosseter 1st Lieutenant, Peter Johnson 2d Lieutenant, Robert Lewiss Ensign, of the 10th company, 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Revd Samuel Bird Chaplain for the 7th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Francis Forgue Surgeon, Ebe-

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[a] After Sept. 1, Hale was captain, Belcher and Hilliard lieutenants, and Alpheus Chapman ensign.

[b] Watkins not accepting, the Governor July 17th appointed Eli (or Ely) Catlin.

[c] Nichols refusing to accept, Daniel Byington of Waterbury was appointed July 14th.

[d] Farmer on the pay-roll.

Charles Webb jr. was adjutant of this regiment and John Elderkin quarter-master.

nezer Beardslee, Isaac Swift, Surgeon's Mates, of the 7th regiment.

Eighth Regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Jedidiah Huntington, Esqr, Colonel of the 8th regiment and Captain, Asa Kingsbury Captain-Lieutenant, Jonathan Brewster 2d Lieutenant, Phineas Lyman Tracy Ensign, of the 1st company, 8th regiment.[a]

This Assembly do appoint John Douglas, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain, Elizur Hubbard 1st Lieutenant, Moses Campbell 2d Lieutenant, Nathaniel Bingham Ensign, of the 2d company, 8th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Joel Clark, Esqr,* Major and Captain, Abiel Pease 1st Lieutenant, Epaphras Andruss 2d Lieutenant, Abraham Wright Ensign, of the 3d company, 8th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Humphry Captain, Ebenezer Fitch Bissell 1st Lieutenant, Timothy Cossett 2d Lieutenant, Jonathan Filley Ensign, of the 4th company, 8th regiment.[b]

This Assembly do appoint Charles Elsworth jun^r Captain, Moses Hall 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Bancroft 2d Lieutenant, Barzillai Markham Ensign, of the 5th company, 8th regiment.

[493] This Assembly do appoint Abijah Rowley Captain, Zebadiah Farnum 1st Lieutenant, Epaphras Bull 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Tucker Ensign, of the 6th company, 8th regiment.[c]

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Lyon Captain, Elijah Sharp 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Burgiss 2d Lieutenant, John Sumner Ensign, of the 7th company, 8th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Jewit Captain, Jabez

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[a] Kingsbury died and was succeeded by Brewster Sept. 5th. Tracy died Aug. 22d. He was also adjutant of the regiment and was succeeded in that office by Andrew Hillyer Aug. 23d. Ebenezer Perkins was appointed ensign of the company Sept. 18th.

* A letter of Clark to Gov. Trumbull, May 9th, offering his services, is printed in *Am. Archives*, 4th series, ii, 544.

[b] Cossitt and Filley both refusing, Andrew Hillyer and Samuel Stoughton were appointed in their places July 28th.

[c] Jonathan Gillett served as second lieutenant of this company and Joseph Carver as ensign, instead of Bull and Tucker.

Thomas Fanning was quarter-master of the regiment.

Fitch jun^r 1st Lieutenant, Nathaniel Gove 2d Lieutenant, Elisha Lellingwell Ensign, of the 8th company, 8th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Tyler jun^r Captain, Timothy Percival 1st Lieutenant, Solomon Orcutt 2d Lieutenant, Aaron Hale Ensign, of the 9th company, 8th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint John Ripley Captain, Thomas Tyrrell 1st Lieutenant, Joel Chamberlin 2d Lieutenant, John Vaughan Ensign, of the 10th company, 8th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Revd John Ellis Chaplain for the 8th regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Philip Turner Surgeon, Albigens Waldo, Silas Holmes, Surgeon's Mates, of the 8th regiment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissions and warrants for the officers in the troops now to be raised for the defence of this Colony be of the same tenor with those given to the officers already in the service, and shall bear date the sixth day of July instant.

And it is further resolved, That in case any of the officers now appointed by this Assembly shall decline the service, his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired and impowered to supply such vacancies.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be provided forty-eight marquee or officers tents and two hundred and thirty-three tents for private soldiers, two hundred and eighty-one iron pots that will contain about ten quarts each, or tin kettles, fourteen brass kettles that will contain from eight to twelve gallons each, for the use of each regiment, six hundred wooden bowls, three frying-pans for the use of each company, fourteen hundred quart rundlets, twenty drums and forty fifes, all for the use of said troops; one standard for each regiment, distinguished by the colour, as follows, *viz.* for the seventh blue, for the eighth orange; a medicine chest and apparatus to the value of thirty pounds under the direction of the respective surgeons, and that whatever of medicine or apparatus shall be left or not used be returned for the use of the Colony; about fifteen books in quarto con-

sisting of one quire of paper each covered with cartlidge-paper; half a ream of writing-paper; also three reams of paper for forming cartridges; and also one cart or waggon for each company.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That the allowance of provisions for said troops be as the allowance already made to the troops ordered to be raised by this Assembly in April last, and that they be provided with arms and ammunition in the same manner and proportion as the troops already raised.

An Act for supplying the Troops ordered to be raised for the special Defence and Safety of this Colony with necessary Fire-Arms.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That each inhabitant that shall inlist into the seventh and eighth regiments, now to be raised for the defence of this Colony, shall be furnished with good and sufficient fire-arms. That each inlisted inhabitant that shall provide arms for himself, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch-box, [494] shall be paid a premium of ten shillings. And in || case such arms are lost by inevitable casualty, such inhabitant providing himself as aforesaid shall be allowed and paid the just value of such arms and implements so lost, deducting only said sum of ten shillings allowed as aforesaid: said premium of ten shillings to be paid as soon as such inhabitant shall provide such arms as aforesaid. And in case any householder or other person shall voluntarily furnish any inlisted inhabitant not able to provide arms for himself with a good gun, well fixed with a bayonet and cartouch-box, he shall have and receive a premium of ten shillings, and in case of loss shall receive the value thereof deducting said ten shillings as aforesaid. That where the aforesaid provision fails, sufficient arms shall be purchased to supply said inhabitants that shall inlist as aforesaid by the selectmen of that town in which they dwell, or either of them, which selectmen shall deliver the arms they shall purchase to the captain of the company to which such person for whose use the same is purchased shall belong, taking his receipt there-

for, and the said selectmen shall lodge the receipt they shall so take with the Committee of the Pay-Table, and shall likewise exhibit to said committee their account of the cost of such arms, which shall be allowed by said committee, who shall thereupon draw their order on the Treasurer in favour of such selectmen for the amount of their accounts of the cost of purchasing such arms accordingly. And if it shall so happen that a sufficient supply of arms cannot be procured in the several methods before directed, then sufficient arms to make good the deficiency shall be impressed, completely to arm and equip said inhabitants that shall so inlist as aforesaid: the said impress to be limited only to the arms belonging to the householders and other persons not on the militia roll; and that every person from whom any gun shall be impressed as aforesaid shall be paid for the use of such gun the sum of four shillings, and in case of loss shall be paid the just value of said gun, deducting the sum of four shillings aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That a particular account shall be taken by the captain or chief officer of every company of the arms that may be used, distinguishing such as the soldiers may provide for themselves, such as are lent by householders and others, such as are purchased by the selectmen, and such as are impressed by virtue of this act, who shall cause the same to be apprized by indifferent judges and transmit such accounts with the apprizement to the Committee of the Pay-Table. And that if any inlisted soldier through negligence shall lose or damage the arms found for him as aforesaid, such loss or damage shall be deducted as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the captain or chief officer of every company when the said inlisted inhabitants shall be discharged from the service for which they are assembled, to receive from them and secure the arms borrowed, purchased, or impressed by virtue of this act, that the same may be returned to their proper owner or secured for the use of this Colony.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the committee appointed by act of Assembly in May last to procure fire-arms for the

use of this Colony be authorized, and they are hereby fully authorized and impowered, to contract for and purchase such number of arms (of such construction as are ordered in said act) as are directed therein; and that they be fully authorized and impowered to draw on the Treasurer for payment for the same; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and the committee appointed to assist him in the recess of the Assembly be and they are hereby authorized and impowered to direct and order the marches and stations of the inhabitants now to be inlisted and assembled, and that have or shall be inlisted and assembled for the special defence of the Colony, or any part or parts of them, as they shall judge necessary for the public service, and to give all necessary orders and directions from time to time for the furnishing, supplying and ordering said inhabitants so inlisted or that may be inlisted, in every respect and to every purpose that may be needful to render the defence of the Colony effectual.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Jabez Hamlin, Mathew Talcott and Titus Hosmer, Esq^{rs}, the committee appointed by this Assembly in May last to work the lead mine in Midletown and refine the oar for the use of this Colony, be and they are hereby ordered and directed to proceed in the business and matters as directed by said act; and to enable them to carry the same into execution, that they receive out of the Colony treasury such sum and sums of money as may be sufficient to enable them to carry the same into execution, and thereof to render their account to this Assembly. And the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer for such sums as said committee for managing said mine shall find necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

[495] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That two vessels of a suitable burthen be immediately fitted out and armed with a proper number of cannon, swivel-guns and small arms, and

furnished with necessary warlike stores, and well officered and mann'd for the defence of the sea-coasts in this Colony, under the care and direction of his Honor the Governor and Committee of Council appointed to assist him in the recess of the General Assembly, who are hereby authorized and directed to procure, furnish and employ the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired and impowered to draw out of the Colony treasury and deliver to Walter Livingston, Esqr, as soon as may be, the sum of fifteen thousand pounds in bills of credit of this Colony, and take his receipt for the same, agreeable to the request of General Philip Schuyler; and also that the Governor and Council be desired and impowered to furnish said General Schuyler with such quantity of ammunition as they shall judge proper and safe, considering the state and circumstances of this Colony.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to make a kind and friendly answer to the speech sent by the Oneida Indians, and that a belt of wampum be procured and sent to them, and that the sum of twelve pounds for the expence and cost of transmitting the same be paid out of the public treasury of this Colony, and that his Honor the Governor be also desired to direct Colo. Hinman to assure the Indians of the peacible disposition of the people of this Colony towards them.

* At a Meeting of the Governor and Council of the Colony of Connecticut held at Hartford July 6th, 1775.

Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to give directions that forty half-barrels of powder be furnished forthwith to Genl. Schuyler, pursuant to the directions of the Continental Congress, to be taken out of the stores of that article at New Haven and Fairfield in such proportion as shall be found most expedient and safe.

A true copy as on file,

Test, Wm. Pitkin, Clerk.

This vote of the Governor and Council (not Council of Safety) is in *Rev. War*, iii, 389. Except the attestation, it is in the handwriting of William Samuel Johnson.

This Assembly do authorize, appoint and direct the Honble Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, to collect and receive the saltpetre and sulphur that may be found in the several towns in this Colony, and to send the same with all convenient dispatch to the powder-mills in Dutchess County in the Province of New York, to be made into powder; and that he apply to the Pay-Table for the money that may be necessary for the service aforesaid, and account at that office for the expenditure thereof.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to grant permits for the exportation out of this Colony by water of live cattle and provisions in such cases and to such ports and places as he shall judge necessary and expedient for the public service.

Whereas a sum of money is necessary for payment of incident charges of government:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of fifty thousand pounds bills of credit on this Colony equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations as the committee herein appointed shall direct, and of the same tenor with the late emissions of bills of credit of this Colony, without interest, payable at or before the last day of December *anno Dom.* 1779, dated the first day of July *A. Dom.* 1775. And Jabez Hamlin, William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne, Thomas Seymour and Jesse Root, Esq^rs^, or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care said bills be imprinted with all convenient speed and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor; and the said committee shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the order of Assembly.

And for providing an ample and sufficient fund to call in,

sink and discharge the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid,

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a tax of seven pence on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony, according to the list thereof to be brought in to this Assembly in October 1777, with the additions; which tax shall be collected and paid into the treasury of this Colony by the last day of December *A. Dom.* 1779; which tax may be discharged by paying the bills of this Colony of this emission or lawful money; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send forth his warrants for collecting the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Capt. William De la Place, Brigade Major Andrew P. Skene, and Ensign Joseph Moland, praying that they may be kept together and not separated, as they apprehend to be intended; as per memorial on file, dated July 6th, 1775:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the memorialists aforesaid be not at present separated.

And it is further resolved, That said memorialists be removed from the town of Hartford and kept and provided for in some other convenient town or place. at the discretion of the committee already appointed for that purpose.

And it is further resolved, That on the arrival of Major [496] Skene the elder, who is ordered here by the || Continental Congress, said committee be and they are directed to provide him suitable lodgings and entertainment in some remote part of the town of Hartford, and at their discretion may permit said Major Skene the younger to reside with his father, said Major Skene the elder.

This Assembly do appoint Josiah Hart to be Surgeon's Mate in Colo. Parsons' regiment.

This Assembly do establish William Willson to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Talcott to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amaziah Rust to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

The Sums Total of the Additions and Fourfold to the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estate in the Towns of Tolland. Willington and Coventry sent in to this Assembly in October, viz:

	Additions.						Fourfold.		
Toland,	£ 617	8	4	-	-	-	£ 0	0	0
Coventry,	223	6	0	-	-	-	171	4	0
Willington,	317	16	0	-	-	-	0	0	0

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Secretary be and he is hereby ordered to enter into the public records the additions and fourfold to the lists of the polls and rateable estate in the towns of Tolland, Coventry and Willington, sent into this present Assembly; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to take notice thereof, and send forth his warrants thereupon as though the said additions had been sent into the General Assembly in May last.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the adjournment of the superior court of this Colony which is made to the second Tuesday of August next in the county of Litchfield be suspended, and that all the several causes, actions and matters depending in said adjourned superior court be duly entered in the stated superior court to be held at Litchfield within and for the county of Litchfield on the last Tuesday save two in August next, and that the same proceed to final judgment in the same manner as though a due and proper continuance had been made of such actions, matters &c., and that the parties concerned take notice thereof accordingly.

Upon the petition of Josiah Southworth jun^r, of Mansfield in Windham county, shewing to this Assembly that there is great necessity of a house of public entertainment to be kept in said Mansfield at the place where he now dwells, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the peti-

tioner have liberty, and licence is hereby granted him, to keep a house of public entertainment in said town of Mansfield until the sitting of the county court in Windham county in June next: on condition the petitioner gives bonds under hand and seal to the clerk of the county court in Windham county for the due observance of the laws touching houses of public entertainment.

Upon the memorial of Elisha Jones, of Coventry in Windham county, as he is conservator of the person and estate of Samuel Curtiss of said Coventry, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said Samuel exceed the credits and personal estate the sum of £58 9*s.* 9¼*d.*, L. money; praying this Assembly for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said Samuel as to raise said sum of £58 9 9¼, L. money, &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said Samuel, either by public or private sale, as to raise said sum of £58 9 9¼, L. money, and the incident charges of said sale.

[497] On the memorial of Abram Sedgwick of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that he hath become bound for Timothy Seymour, who was appointed collector of the Colony tax in said town for the year 1758, to the Colony Treasurer for the arrearages due from said Seymour on said rate, and that there were sundry rates in the said Seymour's rate bill which ought to be abated &c., and praying for relief &c., a committee were appointed to enquire into the matter, who have reported that they find that there are sundry rates in said Seymour's rate bill, amounting in the whole to the sum of £27 4 3¼, which by the rule given by this Assembly ought to be abated, which report is accepted and approved &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said sum of £27 4 3¼ be abated out of what was due from said Seymour on his said rate bill, with the interest arisen thereon, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to settle with the memorialist accordingly.

To the Honble General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut now sitting in Hartford:

The memorial of Nathan Bailey of New London humbly sheweth, That your memorialist, at the instance of Colo. Samuel Holden Parsons, in June last furnished the said Parsons' regiment, then encamped at New London, with a great number of bayonets, guns, and much other work of a gunsmith, for the Colony's use, to the amount of £50 8 2, as per account of particulars appears; and there being no provision made for the payment thereof, your memorialist prays your Honors to order the payment thereof out of the Colony treasury; and as in duty bound shall ever pray. Dated at Hartford the 4th day of July, A.D. 1775.

NATHAN BAILEY.

In the Lower House: Upon the foregoing memorial resolved, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed to pay the aforesaid sum due to said Bailey, and that they charge the same to said respective officers at whose request the same was done, as appears by said respective accounts, to be adjusted upon settlement between said Pay-Table and said officers respectively, which said accounts said Committee of Pay-Table are directed to receive and keep for that purpose.

Test. RICHARD LAW *Clerk.*

Concurr'd in the Upper House.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret'y.*

Whereas it hath been represented to this Assembly from the Provincial Congress of the Massachusets Bay, that the town or settlement of Machias, and other towns and places in the eastern parts of said Province, are or soon may be reduced to necessitous circumstances for want of provisions: And whereas application hath been made to this Assembly by order of said Congress requesting that the inhabitants of said eastern towns in said Province may be permitted to purchase provisions in and transport them by water or otherwise out of this Colony:

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired and impowered, on application to him made from the inhabitants of any of said eastern

towns or places in said Province of the Massachusets Bay, and proof to his satisfaction that they are reduced or likely soon to be reduced to distress for want of necessary provisions, to grant licence to such inhabitants to purchase in this Colony such provisions both in kind and quantity as he shall judge necessary, and transport the same by water or otherwise out of this Colony to the respective towns and places in whose behalf such application shall be made; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Strong of Lebanon, representing to this Assembly that in the late engagement near Charlestown in the Province of the Massachusets Bay he lost a waggon which was employed in the service of the army, with forty shillings in cash and three pounds worth of cloathing and two draft-chains, all which were lost in the public service; praying for a reimbursement &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that there be granted to the memorialist, and there is hereby granted to him, the sum of sixteen pounds, lawful money, out of the publick treasury, in compensation of his loss aforesaid; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to pay the same to him accordingly.

[498] This Assembly is adjourned by proclamation &c., until his Honor the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS *Secret'y.*

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[10] AT A MEETING OF SAID GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL &C., THURSDAY 13 JULY, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jz. Huntington, Esqr,
Sam^{ll} Huntington, Esqr,
Wm. Williams, } Esq^{rs}.
Nath^{ll} Wales, }
Jed. Elderkin
Joshua West, and } Esq^{rs}.
Benja. Huntington, }

The Governor laid before the Council &c. sundry letters and papers. Also a letter he had prepared to Gen[l] Washington, congratulating him on his appointment &c., and another to the same gentleman hinting at Gen[l] Spencer's uneasiness &c. at being overlooked &c., and that it was beside our expectations &c., and proposing that said Gen[l] Spencer may remain stationed at Roxbury with the body of Connecticut troops now there &c.; which are approved, tho' a small alteration was made in the latter, to gratify Gen[l] Spencer, after he came in &c.

Sa. Huntington, Esq[r], and W. Williams were desired to wait on Gen. Spencer at Gray's, the tavern, where he was just arrived, and confer with him on the subject matter of his dissatisfaction &c., [11] and endeavor to ‖ remove &c., and reconcile him chearfully to pursue the service; which they did accordingly.

And having adjourned &c,

P. M. Met again at the Governor's, where Gen[l] Spencer also attended, and had a long conference with him on the subject matter of his being superseded by the General Congress, in putting Gen. Putnam above him &c., which he thinks very hard of and resents &c., and is at length persuaded to return to the army and not at present quit the service as he proposed; and Gen[l] Spencer set out on his return to camp with the letters to Gen[l] Washington.*

Indian Cognahue, who bro't dispatches from the Indian country to the Governor and desirous to return with answer. The Governor had sent for Capt. Jer. Mason, who came, to enquire of him the character of said Cognahue &c.

One Mr. Potter from Norwich in Cohoss† with a written request from his town, earnestly moving for powder. On consideration, this Committee think they cannot furnish him with any.

On motion, ordered the two companies of Gen[l] Wooster's regiment who were stationed at N. London, (tho' one is yet at N. Haven,) to march directly to camp near Boston, and the Governor gave orders accordingly.

[12] Dr. Turner, present, surgeon to the 8th regiment now raising, moves to be resolved, whether the medicine chests as ordered by the General Assembly, to amount to the value of £30, *i. e.* whether the instruments are to be included in that sum; and it is

* One of these letters is printed in *Am. Archives*, 4th series, ii, 1658, and *Sparks Letters to Washington*, i, 2: the other in 50 *Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll.*, 1.

† Vermont.

the opinion of the committee that said sum is exclusive of the necessary instruments.

And adjourned to Monday the 24th of July inst, 9 o'clock A. M., then to consider relating to the Armed Vessels &c. as ordered by the General Assembly &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. MONDAY 24 JULY 1775, BY ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
The Honble M. Griswold, Esqr.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr.
Sam^ll Huntington, Esqr.
Wm. Williams,
Nath^ll Wales,
Jed^h Elderkin, } Esq^rs.
Joshua West,
Benja. Huntington,

His Honor the Governor laid before us a large number of let- [13] ters received from ‖ various quarters relating to great subject matter of the unnatural civil war &c.

A post (Judd) also now came in with a letter from Genl Schuyler at Ticonderoga, among other things informing that our troops there are destitute of tents &c., and that they may be had at N. York &c.

On consideration thereof and that they cannot be furnished without great difficulty and delay in this Colony, advised that his Honor the Governor be desired to write the Congress at New York to provide and send a suitable number of tents for Col. Hinman's regiment and send them forward to Ticonderoga.

On motion that there is about 2,000 barrels of flour at Norwich sent by the Continental Congress for the use of the army near Boston, for which the freight has been paid by Col Jed. Huntington &c., and is desired by Genl Washington to be sent forward for the use of said army &c.

Voted, That the expences of the freight and transportation of said flour be paid and advanced out of the Colony treasury, and that the Committee of the Pay-Table be ordered to draw on the Treasurer in favor of such persons and for such sums as shall be

ordered by his Honor the Governor for the purposes aforesaid, keeping a proper account thereof.*

The affair of the two armed vessels (being a principal occasion of this meeting) was taken up and largely discoursed. Letters received from a number of gentlemen from N. Haven, Middletown, Wethersfield &c. relating to it, read &c. Capt. Deshon, Mr. Shaw and Capt. Giles Hall were present on that account and discoursed with &c., and they retired; and on further consideration &c. this Council are of opinion and do resolve, that Wm. Williams and Nath^ll Wales, Esq^rs, together with Capt. Deshon and Capt. [14] Hall, be a committee to ‖ Norwich, New London, and by the sea coasts to New Haven, and to Middletown, Hartford &c., to enquire after and find out proper and suitable vessels for the purpose, the terms on which they may be had, the proper manning of them, the terms on which officers and men may be had &c., and give proper directions for preparing carriages for the cannon at N. Haven which may be wanted, and what may be proper and necessary &c., and thereof make report to this Council on Wednesday the 2d of August next, to which time this Council is to be adjourned.

On a request from Genl Washington, signified by his letter &c.

Voted, That his Honor the Governor be desired and advised to give orders to the colonels of the 7th and 8th regiments to march their troops as soon as possibly they can be prepared, either in whole or part companies at their discretion with necessary officers to the camp near Boston, to be under the proper regulation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental army.

And adjourned to Wednesday 2d of August next, 9 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY 2D AUGUST 1775.

[15] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL OF SAFETY THIS DAY,

Present: The same members as at the last.

Sundry letters received by his Honor since the last meeting were communicated.

The committee appointed at the last meeting about the armed

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*Per Thos. Fanning of Norwich, 1st order July 26, 1775, £200. 2d order to Col. Jabez Huntington £1000, Aug. 7, 1775. *Note, apparently in handwriting of Gov. Trumbull, on the loose leaves referred to, p. 84.*

vessels &c. having performed the journey and business to which they were directed and instructed, made a full verbal report of their journey, viewing, conversation and doings concerning armed vessels &c., what they have viewed, the terms on which they may be had, the opinion of gentlemen in various towns, who are concerned in navigation, about the measure of fitting out any &c.; from which it appears sundry vessels may be had on reasonable terms, but none can be found perfectly accommodated for war vessels &c; that the people are differently minded about the measure, many thinking that as it is impossible for us to compare by sea with the British ships &c., it will but provoke insult and expose our sea coasts and vessels inward bound to greater danger &c., — others, that it will be of advantage and a protection &c.

The subject largely discoursed, and it being a measure resolved by the General Assembly &c., doubt whether they have right to suspend it, even tho' they should think it best &c. And on the question do agree and conclude, to take up and improve for the purpose a certain brig belonging to Cap. Wm. Griswold of Wethersfield, of about 108 tons, and that she be fixed as and for an armed vessel, according to the resolve of the Assembly.

And also, to charter and improve some one vessel of small bur- [16] den and a fast sailer, of about 20, 25 or 30 tons, and to fix ‖ her with such warlike furniture as may be proper; to be improved chiefly as a spy vessel, to run and course from place to place to discover the enemy and carry intelligence &c.

And do appoint Cap. Sam[l] Niles of Norwich to be Captain of said small vessel.

And the Council do appoint Benja. Huntington, Esq[r], and Cap. Jn° Deshon a committee to find and to fit out and furnish such small vessel with all necessaries for that purpose.

And adjourned till tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Thursday 3d August 1775. The Governor and Committee met according to adjournment from yesterday.

His Honor laid before the Council a letter he had prepared to Gen[l] Schuyler, at Ticonderoga, moving him to allow and direct Mr. Icha Fitch, or some other person, to collect and send down a number of gun-barrels and disordered guns &c., which on representation of said Fitch are lying useless there and at Crown Point, in order to their being repaired and made fit for use, and that the

value of them shall be accounted for; which letter is approved and was sent by said Fitch.

After further consultation about the armed vessels &c., the following bill and resolve was prepared and pass'd, *viz:*

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony, at their session in July last, resolved that two armed vessels of suitable burden be immediately fitted out and be armed with a proper number of can- [17] non, swivel-guns and small arms, and furnished with necessary ‖ warlike stores and well officered and manned, for the defence of the sea coasts in this Colony, under the care and direction of his Honor the Governor and Committee of Council appointed to assist him in the recess of the General Assembly, who are thereby authorized and directed to procure, furnish and employ the same accordingly:

In pursuance of said resolve and direction, the Governor and Committee aforesaid having taken all proper steps and care to find how and in what manner the said resolve may be most properly carried into execution, are of opinion, that a certain brig, called the Minerva, belonging to Capt. Griswold and now lying in Connecticut River at Rocky Hill, is one proper vessel to be employed for the service aforesaid, and do therefore agree and resolve, to take up and employ said brig in the service of this Colony as aforesaid, during such term as said Assembly or this Committee shall find needful to employ her in said service; and do hereby appoint Titus Hosmer and Ezekiel Williams, Esq^{rs}, and Cap. Giles Hall, a committee to take up and retain said brig in the service aforesaid, to finish the contract for the hire and charter of said brig and execute proper writings, to cause the same to be justly apprized with all her furniture and tackle proper to be retained and used as an armed vessel and make a proper inventory thereof. And the said committee are further directed and impowered to furnish, procure and provide all necessary additional sails, rigging and furniture, and also all proper and necessary ship-stores and provisions, and furnish from the Colony stores, as far as may be, the necessary cannon, swivels, small arms, pistols, shot, powder, &c. &c., taking [18] further needful directions ‖ from time to time from his Honor the Governor and said Committee.

And the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer of this Colony in favor of said committee for such sums of money as they shall find necessary to enable them to accomplish the service aforesaid; and they to render their ac-

count of their disposition and disbursement thereof to the General Assembly, or to the Governor and said Committee.

At the same time &c. The Governor and Council having concluded to take up and employ the brig Minerva, belonging to Cap. Griswold, for an armed vessel &c. according to act of Assembly &c. do appoint Cap. Giles Hall to be Captain and Commander of

said brig, and he to be allowed		£7	0	0	℔	month.
Thos. Horsey, of Derby, to be 1st Lieut.,	his wages	5	0	0	℔	month.
James Hopkins to be 2d Lieutenant,	his wages	4	0	0	℔	do.
to be Master,	wages	4	0	0	℔	do.
to be Mate,	wages	3	0	0	℔	do.
to be Gunner,	wages	3	0	0	℔	do.
to be Gunner's Mate,	wages	2	8	0	℔	do.
to be Boatswain,	wages	3	0	0	℔	do.
Boatswain's Mate,	wages	2	8	0	℔	do.
Timo. Larrabee to be Steward,	wages	3	0	0	℔	do.
Sylvanus Backus, to cook,	wages	3	0	0	℔	do.

to be one carpenter ⅊ 60 *s.* ℔ month, and one pilot, and that said vessel be mann'd with forty seamen and forty soldiers or marines, exclusive of officers, to have and be allowed, *viz.*

the sea men,	2	5	℔ month
and the marines not exceeding	2	0	℔ month

And Cap Hall is hereby instructed and directed forthwith to raise said 40 seamen and forty marines or soldiers by voluntary [19] inlistments, and to encourage ‖ and ingage forty five shillings per month to the seamen, and not exceeding 40 *s.* per month to the soldiers or marines during their continuance in said service, and to have one month's pay advanced before they enter into and proceed on any cruise in said service. And said Cap. Giles Hall is hereby appointed Pay Master of said seamen and marines or vessel's crew, and is authorized to draw money out of the Colony treasury for that purpose, in manner as the land-officers are enabled to do, giving sufficient bond with surety as by law provided for pay-masters of the troops in the land service. And his Honor the Governor is hereby desired to give proper commissions and warrants to the necessary officers on board said vessel.

At the same time pass'd the following Instructions to Titus Hosmer, Ez^l Williams, Esqre, and Cap. Giles Hall, a committee &c.

Gent: The Governor and Committee of Safety (by a sub-committee) have agreed with Cap. Griswold, owner of the brig Minerva, to charter said brig for the use of the Colony as an armed

vessel, at the rate of 4 *s.* L. M. per month per ton, with condition that if we should charter any other vessel at the same rate, for which we must furnish more sails or rigging than will be necessary for his, the interest of the expence of furnishing the other with sails &c. more than will be requisite for said brig is to be allowed to said Griswold in addition to said four shillings. That said brig be apprized by indifferent good judges, with all the requisite tackle and furniture at our receiving her, and an inventory thereof be taken, and that whatever betterments shall be made to or on said brig by the Colony shall be received by the owner on [20] her return, ‖ if we chuse it, and an allowance be made by him for the full value of such betterments so far as the vessel is rendered more valuable or useful to him ; and if any special damage is done to said brig beyond the necessary decay and wear by time, the same to be allowed the owner in addition to the charter-party.

The Colony to risque the vessel.

Said committee to observe the above agreement. And said committee are further instructed to employ said Cap. Griswold to do any service in and about the necessary additional rigging and furnishing said brig which [*may*] be properly done by him, at a reasonable price, beyond what may be best done by Cap. Hall and his men.

Said committee are further instructed and desired to enquire and look out and recommend to us proper persons for the following offices, *viz.* master and mate, gunner and gunner's mate, boatswain and boatswain's mate, and carpenter.

Copy of the 3 *foregoing given &c.*

The committee of N. London &c. having requested that some soldiers may be stationed there, on the men of war &c. appearing there &c.

It is voted and ordered, That two companies, *viz.* Maj. Lattimer's and Capt. Shipman's, be stationed there for the present for their defence &c., and the Governor desired to give orders accordingly.

Also voted and ordered, That four of the 6 pound cannon with [21] the carriages now at ‖ N. London be delivered Col. Jz. Huntington or order, of Norwich, for their defence &c.

Order given accordingly.

And adjourned to Monday next at 9 o'clock in the morning.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MONDAY, 7 AUG. 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,
Sam[ll] Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nath[l] Wales, } Esq[rs].
Jed[h] Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Benja. Huntington,

A number of letters received by the Governor and answers read &c.

Mr. Huntington, one of the committee appointed at the last meeting, reported that they had not yet found a very proper and suitable small vessel to be fitted out as a runner and cutter &c.

After much discourse about the matter of arming the same &c., he with the other committee directed to make further inquiry &c. and report.

Cap. Niles (appointed at the last meeting to be captain of said small vessel) was present and accepted to take the command of her &c.

The news of 3 or 4 men of war and 8 or so other ships appearing off New London, yesterday morning, being bro't by express the same day, we are now further informed by Col. Huntington &c., that they are bearing to Fishers Island, supposed with a design to take the stock &c.

[22] This Committee having reason to apprehend ‖ hostile attacks on our sea coasts from said ships or others which will probably be sent to distress us &c.: It is by the Governor and this Council judged of much importance for all, especially those at and near the sea coasts, to be in the best posture of defence; and this Council do therefore advise and desire his Honor the Governor, to direct and order the colonels or chief officers of the 3d, 8th, 20th, 7th and 2d regiments of militia forthwith to draw off and enroll one fourth part of their respective regiments, and see that the same be compleatly equipped with fire-arms, powder and ball, formed into cartridges suitable for their pieces, and every necessary implement: the powder and ball, if need be, to be supplied out of the several town stocks: each man's cartridges to be numbered and marked and deposited with the captain or other commission officers of the respective companies ready to be delivered

on any emergency; and said fourth part to hold themselves in readiness, as minute men, to march at the shortest notice to any place attacked or in danger of being attacked by sea or land, and the same to succour and defend &c.

And the field officers with the advice of the captains within said regiments be further directed and impowered to nominate and appoint suitable officers to lead, conduct and order them in their march and operations.

Having at the last meeting ordered Maj. Latimer and Cap. Shipman's company of Col. Webb's regiment to N. London &c., Do now order one other captain with his company of said Col. Webb's regiment, at his discretion, to march and be stationed at N. Haven, [23] for its defence for the present; and ‖ do further order, that two suitable cannon at N. Haven be properly fixed and mounted for field pieces, if not already done by them. That ship carriages be prepared for four other cannon of those marked by Messrs. Williams and Wales, lately there; and do appoint Messrs. Jona. Fitch, Wm. Greenough and David Austin a committee to procure and cause the same to be done with all convenient speed, and that they be instructed to improve Mr. James Rice in anything he is willing to undertake about them.

P. M. Mr. Jno. Skinner, express from Hartford, bro't the Governor a letter from Gen[l] Washington, requesting all the tow cloth which can be had, to make shirts or short coats, for a uniform dress for the army &c., and sent a sample made up with a cape, ruffles &c.

Letters were wrote and dispatched to all the commissaries in the Colony to purchase all the tow cloth they can procure.

Letter to Col. Webb, directing him to order one of his captains and company to N. Haven.

Also letters to the colonels of the five regiments out of which the fourth part for minute men is to be drawn &c., informing and directing them about it.

Also letter to Messrs. Fitch, Greenough and Austin, informing them what is ordered about minute men, and the company ordered there, and appointing them a committee to prepare the carriages for the field pieces and other carriages as aforesaid.

Also a letter to Col. Hamlin, requesting him to inform what progress he has made in collecting and sending saltpetre and sulphur to N. York to be wro't into gun-powder.

[24] Also wrote a letter to Col. Williams &c., committee of

Wethersfield, in answer to one received, waiting orders to march to N. London &c.

Most of the above dispatched by said Skinner, and it is night and the Council dismissed.

MONDAY AUGUST 14, 1775. AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY THIS DAY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph. Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^ll Wales, } Esq^rs.
Later, Jed. Elderkin,
Josh^a West,
Benja. Huntington.

Many letters from sundry persons exhibited &c.

Application was made by Cap. Francis Shaw, of Goldsborough, by order of his town &c. for leave to purchase in this Colony, the embargo notwithstanding, about 1500 bushels of corn and rye and about 50 barrels of pork, for the necessary use of the people, and is on consideration granted, and the Governor desired to give a permit, which he did accordingly.

Application also made by [Philip Van] Ransaleer, by order of Walter Livingston, a commissary for the York department, for liberty to purchase in the western parts of this Colony 450 barrels pork for the use of the troops at Ticonderoga, as it cannot be had [25] at N. York &c. ‖ On consideration thereof, and of the great importance of those troops being well and seasonably supplied, the motion is agreed to, and the Governor desired to give permission to purchase the same in the counties of Fairfield and Litchfield, so as not to violate the doings of the first said county in withdrawing the connections from some &c., and a permit accordingly given.

On a letter from Col. Saltonstall, informing that the committee of inspection in N. L. county &c. are to meet this 14th inst., to consider what is proper to be done respecting the stock on the islands not taken off &c., and praying advice &c., a letter in answer, by order, was wrote, declining any particular directions, and especially with regard to any out of the Colony limits &c., and referring it as most properly belonging to the committee of inspection, and signifying our private opinion that great care should be

taken to prevent provisions falling into the hands of our enemies, and also of the danger of other effects near the water &c

Mr. Huntington of the committee appointed for that purpose, respecting a small armed vessel &c., reported, that having taken pains they are not able to find any suitable for the purpose, except one belonging to one Hancox &c. of Stonington, but not to be chartered but may be bought at £200, as the lowest sum &c., her sails and rigging not fit for the service; and the question is, whether she shall be purchased, and was largely considered; and as the General Assembly have ordered vessels to be fitted out &c., the Council supposed themselves obliged to obey the order &c, and there seems no other way, and they judge the vessel cheap, and that if and when needless she may be probably sold, perhaps without loss, and the hire saved &c. — Are of opinion that said vessel or [26] schooner, called the Britania,* be purchased for the Colony; and ‖ Benja. Huntington, Esqr. Cap. Jno. Deshon and Cap. Robt Niles, are appointed a committee to make said purchase at not exceeding £200 &c, and also to take care of and cause her to be rigged and fitted out with every necessary for said purpose, as soon as may be. And this Council do appoint Robert Niles of Norwich to be Captain and Commander of her. And said committee are also desired to look out and recommend proper persons for the other officers on board her and report make to the next meeting.

Voted, That Cap. Deshon be directed forthwith to put the cannon, small arms, pistols and every warlike implement, now at N. London, suitable and proper for armed vessels, into proper order and condition for immediate use, and on receiving advice from Cap. Hall, of the larger armed vessel fitting at Middletown, shall be at or near Saybrook ready to receive them, to send them to him there and deliver on board his brig. But if it shall appear there is not a sufficient quantity for both vessels, that they be properly proportioned between them.

Then the Council was dismissed or adjourned till Thursday next, 9 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST, 1775. AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. THIS DAY,

Present: The same members as at the last.

Many letters &c. laid in and considered, and directed and pre-

* This vessel was re named the *Spy*.

pared a letter to Cap. Jer. Wadsworth, a commissary &c., in answer to one from him for advice &c., directing him to risque the pork he buys at the westward, by water, if necessary and it can- [27] not be done ‖ by the sellers, and that the Colony will indemnify him in prudent conduct about it, and that he may release about 200 barrels he had bo't of McLane of Danbury in favor of Mr. Ranslaeer [who] has a permit, at the last meeting, to buy 450 bb. in this Colony for the use of Gen[l] Schuyler's army at the northward.

A permit having been granted to said Ranselaeer at the last meeting, to purchase pork &c., and he having proposed to convey it by water to N. York &c., and it being tho't and considered as in great danger of falling into the hands of our enemies, if water borne &c., it was proposed and voted, that the Governor be desired to give and send positive orders to said Ransaleer not to ship any pork purchased in this Colony to New York, but transport the same by land to the North River, to be thence shipped to Albany &c. That is an explanatory permission to purchase said pork on that condition. And the same done, and both instantly dispatched &c by Mr. Skinner.

Gen[l] Washington having wrote the Governor, by letter received yesterday, that he has ordered Gen[l] Schuyler to send down a quantity of lead ball found at Ticonderoga, C. Point &c., and directed it to be under the conduct of said Gov. Trumbull &c.: It is, on consideration, advised that the Governor write Gen[l] Schuyler to send the same to the care of Commissary Phelps at Albany, and that said Phelps be advised of it and directed to forward the same by the best and most expeditious way to Gen[l] Washington &c.

Voted and resolved, That orders be sent to Maj[r] Lattimer, commander of the troops now at N. London, to see that regular watches and guards are kept about his camp; that his soldiers are properly exercised, instructed and disciplined, and kept clean, out of idleness and bad practices. And orders drawn and sent accordingly.

[28] *Voted and resolved*, That orders be sent to Capt. Lyon, who ‖ with his company are now at Norwich, to remain there till further orders, near the Landing, and to assist the people there by one third of his company at a time alternately, at his discretion, in building a redoubt at Waterman's Point, and such other works as shall be judged proper by a committee &c. to direct the same, and allow them spirit when in said service, as ordered by the Assem-

bly for men on fatigue, and requiring the men to yield obedience &c.; and that the captain see that proper watches and guards be kept, and proper exercises be kept up, and that he use his efforts to keep up good order, virtue and morality &c.

On consideration of the scarcity of pork and other provisions and the vast consumption of it by the army, it is tho't necessary and for the safety of the Colony that the Embargo laid and continued by the Assembly to the 20th inst. should be revived and further continued; and the Governor is advised and desired to issue his proclamation to lay and continue the same to the 20th of October next; which was done accordingly and sent to the printer. He directed to send to each town clerk and naval office in the Colony.

Voted and granted an order to pay for 18 blankets sent from Lebanon by request &c., to supply part of the losses at Bunkers Hill, and 9 guns from the same place for the same purpose; both to amount of £28 6 0, being duly apprized &c. And do. to pay Sam[l] Hunt for carrying the same £3 8 9. And do. to pay David Trumbull for going express three times to the army, and sund., allowed £8 19 0. And do. to pay Jno. Alden for going express to Killingly, to recall troops on march to Cambridge, by advice from Gen[l] Washington, £1 8 0. And also to pay Sim[n] Gray for a horse bo't for Indian Cognahue to ride with belt and speech &c. to the Oneida Indians &c. £5. *Orders drawn.*

[29] And then on motion, heretofore, by and in behalf of New Haven, that they may be allowed to provide carriages for four six-pound cannon, instead of four-pounders, as those allowed at a meeting 7th inst., marked by Messrs. Williams and Wales were of that size;* and that they may also prepare carriages for five field

* In May 1775, Isaac Sears and Thomas Ivers, of New York, merchants, loaned the following cannon: one 2 pounder, fourteen three pounders, twenty-nine 4 pounders, twenty-one 6 pounders, one 9 pounder, 66 in all, to the selectmen of New Haven, the town to make what use they pleased of them, and what should not be wanted for their defence to be disposed of as the General Assembly should think fit for the use of the Colony. The selectmen promised in behalf of the town, to deliver them at New York again free from any charge, "when the present unhappy controversy between Great Britain and these Colonies shall be fully settled and arms entirely laid aside, and not before."

Of these guns 12 went to Stonington, 14 on board the brig Defence, 4 to Sellick and Lockwood in state service, 2 to Phips and Townshend, 4 to Leavenworth and Hugins, 4 to Deacon Gilbert on board the Wild Irish-

cannon instead of two, as then allowed &c. On consideration of said motions and the reasons thereof, this Council are of opinion that the first motion is reasonable, and do allow and approve thereof. And as to the other, respecting five instead of two field peices, are of opinion that two may be sufficient for the present, and that they may not properly allow more without the approbation of the Assembly. *Copy also drawn for the Governor to send &c.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table Committee for £200, in favor of Benj. Huntington, Esqr, and Cap. Jno. Deshon, to pay the purchase of the schooner Britania, for the use of the Colony as an arm'd and intelligence vessel, which this Council had judged most for the benefit of the Colony to purchase at that price, and appointed said committee to purchase of Edward Hancox, Jno. Denison 5th &c., of Stonington, and which they have done accordingly. *And orders drawn accordingly by me as clerk the next day.*

And this Council and meeting was adjourned without day.

MONDAY 21 AUGUST, 1775. AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL THIS DAY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip. Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
W. Williams,
N. Wales,
Jed. Elderkin,
Josh^{a} West, and
B. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}

[30] Sundry letters just received from Genl Schuyler, Col. Hinman &c. were laid before us, by which it appears there is great danger of delays from N. York &c. relating to the Northern Expedition &c. And a letter from Maj^{r} Brown, who has been into Canada, giving a favorable account of the disposition of the country &c., and many others considered &c ; and a letter advised and prepared to Genl Washington on sundry matters, and copies of the

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man, 8 to Adam Babcock, 2 lost in the galley Whiting, 3 went on board the Wooster privateer, 2 taken by the enemy when the town was plundered, 4 on board the brig formerly the Eli, 1 mounted on field carriage by Col. Sabin, 1 or more on board the Firebrand for ballast, 2 on field carriages East and West Haven. *Am. Archives*, 4th series, ii, 730; *Rev. War*, xxxvii, 185-195.

abovementioned letters inclosed and approved, and sent by Col. Dyer and Col. Elderkin, who were going down &c.

The Governor also shewed us a secret letter, written by one Brook Watson to Pres^t Livingston &c., (a very ill one,) which had been intercepted &c. and never d^d.

On application of Hazzard, of Edgartown, and proper credentials &c., a permit is granted to him, to buy and carry from this Colony about £100 value of rye and indian corn, for the necessary use of the town.

A letter was prepared and approved, to Pres^t Livingston of N. York Congress, expressing our concern at their not having provided and sent the tents they had engaged for Col. Hinman's regiment, and urging the danger of delays &c., and informing of a permit before granted Mr. Ransaleer to purchase 450 bbs. pork in this Colony for Genl Schuyler's army, and the orders to send it by land to the North River &c.

Letters also prepared and dispatched to Hartford, to go (by Bennet, who is at Hartford, and sent forward the above letters from Gen. Schuyler,) to Gen. Schuyler, Col. Hinman and Maj. Brown.

Letter also prepared and sent to Commissary Phelps, directing him to take care of and forward by the best ways such lead as shall be sent him from Genl Schuyler, for the use of the army near Boston, according to desire of Gen. Washington.

[31] And then the Council was adjourned, to meet again Thursday, 24th inst.

THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST. AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Present: The same members as at the last meeting, except Col. Dyer and Elderkin, (at Cambridge.)

Mr. James Church of Hartford moves for a permit to send to Providence by water about 300 bushels of wheat to be ground for the use of the united army near Boston, for the reason that, by means of the great drought, tis not possible to get it ground near home; to be his own risque &c.

On consideration a permit is granted, but not without much

doubt of the expediency of it, lest it should fall into the hands of our enemies.

Benj. Huntington, Esqr, and Cap. Ep^{m} Bill are appointed a committee to oversee and direct the building or erecting the battery and intrenchments at a former meeting ordered to be made at Waterman's Point, in N. London River; and Cap. Lyon's company, now there, to labor about it according to orders; and gave instructions to said committee.

A letter received from Messrs. Hosmer, Williams and Hall, about the armed brig fitting at Middletown &c., containing a nomination of sundry persons for officers &c., and proposing that the bearer, Warner, (going to Providence,) may inlist a gunner there, as they cant obtain one, and also sailors &c. It is agreed that he may do so, if not disagreeable to Gov. Cooke, to whom the Governor is desired to write by said Warner, proposing it to him &c., which was done.

Sundry accounts for guns and blankets which had been im- [32] pressed and obtained by the Governor's order, ‖ to supply the loss by our soldiers at Bunkers Hill &c., were laid in and considered and allowed; and voted that orders be drawn for payment thereof, *viz.*

1 for N. Frink, Esqr, for 6 guns and 10 blankets procured at Pomfret for	£19	10	
fees	1	4	
	20	14	
1 for Messrs. Wales & Bissell, 10 guns and 25 blankets, procured at Windham, including 24*s.* fees,	40	1	0
1 for Mr. Chandler, Woodstock, for 6 guns and 10 blankets procured there, with 12*s.* fees,	19	13	0
1 for Cap. Bacon, Canterbury, for guns and blankets, no fees,	20	1	6
1 for Mr. Leffingwell, Norwich, for 20 guns and 40 blankets procured there, no fees,	67	9	6

Which orders I have since drawn &c.

And the meeting dismissed.

MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER. AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c.

Present: His Honor the Governor,
Jz. Huntington,
Sam[l] Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nath[l] Wales,
Jed. Elderkin,
Josh[a] West, and
Benj. Huntington, Esq[rs].

The Governor laid before us a request and desire of the Hon. G. Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, communicated by the Hon. Jas Otis, Pres[t] of the Council, representing that their goals are generally crowded with prisoners &c., and moving for liberty to send some of their prisoners into this Colony, and for direction where &c. And on consideration of the circumstances of this case, it is agreed and resolved, that altho' we have many prisoners from the northward and much burdened many ways, and are very [33] greatly in advance, yet from ‖ our great affection to the common cause, this Board do not refuse to receive some of the prisoners referred to, but desired that said Assembly will also apply to Rhode Island and New Hampshire Assembly or Convention, for the same purpose, and send as sparingly to us as may be; and those who may be sent in pursuance of this licence shall be received in the counties of Hartford and Windham for the present, and until this Council shall determine otherwise.

Col. Saltonstall and Cap. Deshon, committee from N. London, and Maj. Smith and Cap. Palmer, do. from Stonington, were present, the latter moving to have some of the companies (now at N. L.) stationed at Stonington, as they have been lately attacked and fired upon &c.; and both committees, that some works may be made for defence &c.

Also his Honor the D. Governor, in behalf of the town, by letter moves to have some of the soldiers sent to Lyme, as they are in danger &c.

And on consideration it is voted and ordered, That one company, *viz.* Cap. Rowlee's, be sent to Lyme, and under the direction of the Dep. Governor and civil authority of that town keep up and maintain proper watches and guards in such manner and places as they shall direct, for the present.

And, on the request of Stonington, ordered, That two companies, *viz.* Cap. Bostwick's and Cap. Tyler's, and the part of a company under

Cap. Lt. Hubbard, be stationed for the present at or near Stonington Harbor, and that the rest of the companies remain at N. London under Maj. Latimer, and that at both said places the soldiers make such intrenchments and works of defence, and in such place and manner, as shall be directed by the civil authorities and field officers within those towns and limits.

And orders were made out and forwarded to Maj. Lattimer to dispose the men and give the necessary orders and directions accordingly.

[34] On information by letter from Maj. Lattimer, that one of the vessels lately taken by Cap. Wallace of the Rose man-of-war &c. at Stonington was by stress of weather drove back to New London with one white man a petty officer, and three negroes on board, and were in his custody, and asking directions to dispose of them &c. And by other information it appears, that two of the negroes belong to D. Gov. Cook of R. Island, and were lately seized and robb'd from him with and on board a vessel, by said Wallace, and that the other belonged to one Cap. Collins. And on consideration voted and ordered, the major give information to the owner of the vessel and on his request deliver her up to him, and send the white man to the goal at Windham and the three negroes to the care of and to be employed for the present by Cap. Niles at Norwich, who is fixing out a small armed vessel &c., until the Governor shall advise D. Gov. Cook of the matter, that they may, on proper notice, be returned to their owners.

Motion, that our sick in the camp have reason and much complain of their usage &c. The matter much discoursed, but it being difficult to know &c., and time failing, no certain conclusion was had concerning them.

And the meeting was adjourned to Friday the 8th inst.

At a meeting as before, Friday 8 September, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Govr Griswold,
Jz. Huntington,
Saml Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nathl Wales,
Jed. Elderkin,
Josh^{a} West,
Benj. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

Ez[l] Williams, Esq[r], one of the committee to fix out the armed brig Minerva &c., moving to have the officers all appointed, as she is nearly ready &c. And this Board do appoint James Hopkins 1st Lieutenant, instead of [Thos.] Horsey, who has declined; Jehiel Tinker 2d Lieutenant, in room of said Hopkins; Andrew Johonnot Steward, in room [of] Timo. Larrabe, fail'd; William Plummett Master; Wm. Warner Mate; Benj. Cranston, of Providence, Gunner. And ordered that she be supplied with 5 bbs. of powder and ball suitable from N. London, to be delivered at Saybrook, and 300 weight of lead, from Wethersfield.

Then a large number of letters &c. read and considered; and on motion and consideration voted, that the 3 companies under the command of Col. Webb, now at Greenwich, be removed to New Haven, there to erect such works of defence or intrenchment at Five Mile Point or elsewhere as shall be directed and tho't best by Col. Webb and Lt. Col. S. Hall, they taking such advice as they shall think proper, so as to make no further expence to the Colony: saving and on condition that if the present report of troops com- [36] ing to ‖ New York should appear to said Col. Webb on receiving these orders to be probably true, that he do not remove from his present station without further orders.

Moved and agreed, That [if] Gen[l] Washington should apply (as is expected) for some of the three tons of powder lately imported by Mr. Shaw for the Colony, that he may be furnished with not exceeding one ton of it.

Moved, That whereas this Colony is very greatly in advance both of men and money for and in support of the grand cause of American Liberty: And whereas the Hon[ble] Congress of the United Colonies have wisely and equitably resolved that the whole expence of supporting and defending the same should be borne and defrayed by said United Colonies in proper and just proportion, and have emitted a continental currency for and towards defraying said expences; and this Colony having also lent and advanced the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, lawful money of N. England at the rate of six shillings for one Spanish mill'd dollar, to Maj[r] Gen[l]. Schuyler, at the request and on the credit of Congress; and that we stand in great need of the same and of a further supply toward reimbursing the large sums by them expended and expending in the premises: that it is proper and reasonable to apply to said [37] Congress at this time for the ‖ sum of fifty thousand pounds of said continental currency, at the aforesaid rate, and also for the

sum lent M. General Schuyler as aforesaid, and said first sum towards reimbursing the overplus of this Colony's proportion by them already expended in the common cause and defence as aforesaid:

And on consideration voted and resolved, That this Board in behalf of this Colony will apply to the Congress of said United Colonies convened at Philadelphia, for the said two sums of fifty thousand pounds and fifteen thousand pounds currency, for the purposes as aforesaid.

And thereupon this Board do appoint, request and authorize, Wm. Williams and Nath[l] Wales, Esq[rs], members of their body, (taking with them Mr. Livingston's receipt for said £15,000 lent as aforesaid,) to repair with all convenient speed to the said Congress at Philadelphia, and in behalf of this Colony to apply to them for and request and receive said sums of fifty thousand and fifteen thousand pounds currency and for the use aforesaid, and having received the same, to give up said Livingston's and pass their own proper receipt accordingly, which shall be received and acknowledged as good and valid for any sum not exceeding the sum requested; and the money so received lodge with the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor.*

And further voted, That in case they or either of them shall fail of undertaking said service, his Honor the Governor appoint some other person or persons for that purpose, and with the same authority.

[38] Thos Shaw, present, brings letters from Nath[l] Shaw and to him, and sundry papers relative to the article of gun-powder, which he has [been] employed and impowered to procure for the Colony, and moving for the sum of £2,000 more, to enable him to procure the quantity necessary &c. And on consideration it is tho't necessary and fit for the safety of the Colony, that said further sum should be advanced, and voted that the clerk of this

* Sept. 27th, 1775, Congress resolved, that the sum of 160,000 dollars be paid to Connecticut, for supplies issued by that Colony in the service of the United Colonies, to be accounted for by them. $160,000 = £48,000.

On the first of August preceding Congress had voted to pay to the Delegates of Connecticut $50,000 = £15,000, to be paid to the Governor and Company in part of the sums disbursed by the Colony in the Continental service, and to be accounted for.

These sums were not received into the treasury before October and November 1775.

Council direct the Committee of the Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of £2,000, for said Nath[l] Shaw, for the use aforesaid, taking his receipt to account for the same.

And then voted, That the 50 stands of arms, lately imported by said Shaw for the Colony, be lodged in the care of Col. Jz. Huntington at Norwich, and to be delivered out as occasion may require, only by order of his Honor the Governor.

Voted, That Col. Jz. Huntington be desired to enquire about 12 blunderbusses bro't in by the master of the vessel who lately bro't in three tons of powder, on account of said N. Shaw for the Colony, and, if to be had at a reasonable rate, purchase the same for the use of the Colony's arm'd vessel, the Spy, under the command of Cap. Niles.

A number, about 180, old gun-barrels being lately sent to his Honor from Crown Point by Gen[l] Schuyler, this Board appoint Mr. David Trumbull to procure them to be supplied with locks, stocks &c., and fitted for use.

Allowed on motion by Rob[t] Patrick, who bro't said gun-barrels, the sum of £9 0, for said service, and order the clerk to draw for the same on the Pay-Table.

Voted on motion, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for the sum of £100, in favor of Cap. Rob[t] Niles of the armed vessel or schooner Spy, fixing out at Norwich, to be improved for the expence of fixing the same and paying the wages of the men &c., if any surplus there be: he giving his receipt for the same and proper bond for proper disposition of said sum and whatever money he may receive in capacity of captain of said vessel or schooner and well accounting for the same.

And the Council was dismissed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON, THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Hon. D. Gov. Griswold,
Jabez Huntington, Esq[r],
Wm. Williams,
Nath[l] Wales,
Jed. Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

His Honor laid before us a letter from Gen[l] Washington dated 8th inst., containing a peremptory and unconditional demand, that all the remainder of our last-raised troops be forthwith ordered and sent to him at the camp near Boston.*

On which great consideration was had, and it appears to this Council of much importance that they should remain longer on their present stations at N. Haven, N. London, Stonington and Lyme, where they are employed in throwing up some works of defence against the ships &c. who are hovering about the eastern coasts, and have of late furiously cannonaded Stonington, and from repeated threats and many circumstances it is probable some [40] of those places will be again attacked: yet considering how far | those troops have been given up to said general's command, and that advantage may be taken against the Colony should we refuse to send them, altho' we conceive they cannot be so useful at the camp as in their present station and employment, it is tho't most prudent to comply with said demand; and this Board do therefore advise this his Honor give orders for their immediate march to said camp near Boston.

And then, on consideration it appearing of importance for the safety and quiet of the people of this Colony, that those places from which said troops are now to be removed should not be left naked and defenceless, and the works of defence begun drop and fall through. It is considered and ordered, that fifty men be inlisted and raised by and to be under the command of Maj[r] Oliver Smith, and equipped for defence at Stonington, and to pursue and carry on the works of defence begun and necessary there, for a term not beyond 20th Octo. Said Maj[r] Smith to be paid as a captain, and the non commission officers and soldiers as on the present establishment.

And also, that seventy men be raised in the same manner and for the same purposes at New London or places adjacent, under the care and command of Col. G. Saltonstall, and for the term as aforesaid. He to have pay as a captain, and the rest as aforesaid.

And also, that twenty men be raised as aforesaid at Lyme and properly equipped, to watch and guard and defend at Black Point, Black Hall and other places where the cattle and stock may be exposed to be robbed and plundered, by and under the direction of Lieut. Lee Lay. He to have pay as an ensign, and the other as aforesaid, and for the term as aforesaid.

* *Sparks*, iii, 83.

And also, that fifty men be inlisted and raised in like manner at New Haven and kept and employed there for defence for the term aforesaid, and to carry on such defensive works as have been before proposed and ordered: in case and on condition the people of said town are desirous of it and think it necessary for their safety; to be under the command of such persons as shall be nominated by Wm. Williams and Nath[l] Wales, Esq[rs], who are going thro' that town in a few days, who are to advise and make proper [41] enquiry, and conduct the matter ‖ accordingly. And that the commander of them have power to raise and inlist said 50 men and have pay as a lieutenant, and the soldiers as on the present establishment, and billeting as aforesaid.

And further voted, That said soldiers be allowed 9*d.* per day for billeting themselves instead of any other provision or allowance for that purpose.

And voted half a ton of the powder lately arrived be sent to Gen[l] Washington, instead of a ton as agreed at the last meeting.

A motion by letter from the Hon[ble] Dep. Gov[r] Cook of Rhode Island, proposing that this Colony join with them in sending to Bayonne for powder, and proposing a feasible way to obtain it by a French bottom and Frenchmen there &c., was considered; and on the whole advised, that his Honor the Governor make a complaisant answer and advise him that we have advanced and laid out so largely for that article, and so much exhausted, and having reason to expect a supply &c., that we cannot well proceed further at this time, and recommend to propose the measure to Gen[l] Washington.

Then commissions were made out and written at large for the armed brig Minerva, *viz.* Giles Hall Captain, James Hopkins 1st Lieutenant, Thompson Phillips 2d Lieutenant, now so appointed instead of Jehiel Tinker who declined, and warrants for Wm. Plymert Master, Benja. Cranston Gunner, Wm. Warner Mate, and do appoint Andrew Jehonnot Steward, and a warrant for Grey Powers appointed Boatswain.

Allowed an account of Cap. Giles Hall, for 5 days service and expence on a journey thro' the sea coast towns in July last with [42] others, to look out ‖ proper vessels to arm and furnish for defence of the coasts &c., £3 2 0. And the clerk drew an order on the Pay-Table for it.

On a pressing motion by one widow Smith of N. London, present, that the prisoner lately driven back to N. London by stress

of weather, with a vessel piratically taken from Stonington by Cap. Wallace of the Rose man-of-war, now confined at Windham, may be exchanged for her son Amos Smith, Benja. Green and Nathan Comstock, who were lately injuriously taken by said Wallace in a boat in N. London harbor, she having been to Newport and (as she thinks) settled and agreed for such exchange: It is agreed that such exchange may be made, and the Governor is advised to order said prisoner to be delivered up to proper persons for that purpose.

Ordered, That 150 lb. of powder be delivered to Cap. Niles, for the use of the armed schooner Spy, under his command.

Ordered, That 300 lb. powder be delivered to the committee at Middletown for the purpose of raising the lead ore &c.

And the meeting was dismissed.

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[43] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HOLDEN AT LEBANON, FRIDAY, 22D SEPTEMBER, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Honble Dep. Govr Griswold, Samuel Huntington, Jedidiah Elderkin, Joshua West, } Esq^rs.

On motion from Col. G. Saltonstall: Ordered Col. Huntington or Mr. Nath^ll Shaw jun^r to deliver him for the use of the men raised for defence of New London, thirty muskets imported by Mr. Shaw for the Colony.

To Lt. Lee Lay, for Lyme, five of the same.

And before ordered by the Governor, for Stonington, fifteen of the same muskets.

Granted, That Colo. Saltonstall have the pay of a colonel for his service, instead of the pay of a captain heretofore allowed.

Granted for the balance of Elijah Wimpy's account, for his service in the treaty of the Oneida tribe of Six Nations, ten pounds one shilling and seven pence.

Granted to Reuben Cognahew, for the balance of his account for his service in the treaty with the Oneida tribe of the Six Nations, six pounds nine shillings and seven pence.

[44] *Granted and ordered*, That his Honour Gov. Trumbull be paid by the Colony Treasurer nineteen pounds twelve shillings and

five pence half-penny, for postage paid for letters, post-riders and other expences in government service, as per his account.

Granted his Honour Governour Trumbull an order on the Committee of the Pay-Table for the sum of thirty-two pounds four shillings and nine pence, being for cash paid for postage of letters, expresses and other continental services.

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[45] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, OCTO^r 4TH, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Saml Huntington,
Joshua West,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Benja. Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

Dr. Penuel Cheney is appointed Physician and Surgeon to the 3d regiment of forces raised for defence of this Colony, with wages at £7 10 0 per month.*

Gave orders to Dr. Cheney to take medicines for the use of said regiment to the value of £10 0 0, and to draw on the Committee of Pay-Table for the payment thereof.

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[46] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMMITTEE OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, OCTO^r 9TH, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor,
Jz. Huntington,
Saml Huntington,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

Capt. Hall of the brig Minerva, at the request of the Continental Congress, is ordered on a cruise with said brig, which this committee hath given orders for in pursuance of the directions of Congress, as per Mr. President Hancock's letter of Octo. 5th, 1775.†

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* *Am. Archives*, 4th series, iii, 1249, 1562, 1699; *Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll.*, vol. 50, 6.

† The object of the proposed expedition was, to intercept two vessels from England bound to Quebec with arms, etc. *Mass. Hist. Soc. Collections*, vol. 50, p. 5. It failed, as the entry of Nov. 2 shows.

Capt. Jeremiah Wadsworth is appointed and directed to supply said brig with all the necessary provisions and warlike stores for said cruise, as per his orders appears.

[47] Gave an order to Capt. Wadsworth on Mr. Nath^{n} Shaw jun^{r} for six hundred wt. of powder for the use of the Minerva on her cruise, and also gave Capt. Wadsworth directions to furnish said brig with stores and provisions for six months.

An answer is given by his Honor the Governor to a letter from the President of the Congress of N. York of the 6th instant, requesting powder, — that we are not able to give any aid at present in that article.

Voted, That an order be drawn in favor of Capt. Niles on the Committee of the Pay-Table for one hundred and fifty pounds, for the use of the schooner Spy. *Order given Octo^{r} 9th, 1775, by Mr. Huntington, supp[osed]*

The Honble M. Griswold, Esqr, is appointed and commissioned in behalf of his Honor the Governor, to meet the committee of the Congress and other gentlemen appointed to confer and consult [48] with Genl Washington at Cambridge on the 12th day ‖ of Octo^{r} instant, on matters of importance &c., pursuant to appointment of Congress &c.

Gave an order to Capt. Jer^{h} Wadsworth on Committee of Pay-Table for two thousand pound in continental bills, to be lent to Capt. Wadsworth and to be by him replaced.

[501] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-quinto.*

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN IN SAID COLONY, ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF OCTOBER, (BEING THE ELEVENTH DAY OF SAID MONTH,) AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF THE SAME MONTH, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1775.

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
William Samuel Johnson, Esqr,
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benja. Payne, for Hartford.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Colo. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Capt. Abraham Granger, Capt. John Harmon, for Suffield.
Mr. Daniel Foot, Capt. Peter Bulkley, for Colchester.
Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Colo. Thomas Belden, for Weathersfield.
Mr. Judah Holcomb, Mr. Elisha Graham, for Symsbury.
Mr. Daniel Braynerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Joseph Smith, for Haddam.
Capt. Benja. Buell, Mr. Samuel Gilbert, for Hebron.
Maj^{r} Elijah Fenton, Mr. Caleb Holt, for Willington.
Mr. Benja. Trumbull, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Mr. Ichabod Griggs, Capt. James Chamberlin, for Tolland.
Maj^{r} Nathaniel Terry, Mr. Nath^{ll} Chapin, for Enfield.
Mr. Hezekiah Spencer, Mr. Reuben Sikes, for Somers.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Doct. John Dickinson, for Midletown.
Maj^{r} Roger Newbury, Capt. Henry Allyn, for Windsor.

[502] Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Elijah Hollister, for Glastonbury.
Mr. David Sage, Mr. Ebenezer White, for Chatham.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Mr. Jonathan Fitch, for New Haven.
Colo. James Wadsworth, jun^{r}, Mr. Daniel Hall, for Durham.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brunson, for Waterbury.
Mr. Ephraim Strong, Mr. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Mr. John Burgiss, Mr. Samuel Brown, for Guilford.
Capt. John Holbrook, for Derby.
Capt. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Samuel Beach, Mr. Oliver Stanly, for Wallingford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benjamin Huntington, Mr. Isaac Tracy, for Norwich.
Capt. Elnathan Stevens, Mr. Hezekiah Lane, for Killingworth.
Capt. Benja. Williams, Capt. Justus Buck, for Saybrook.
Maj^{r} Samuel Selden, Mr. John Lay 2d, for Lyme.
Mr. Nathaniel Minor, Capt. William Williams, for Stonington.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Capt. William Witter, Capt. Joseph Tyler, for Preston.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, Mr. Thadeus Burr, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Colo. Ichabod Lewiss, for Stratford.
Mr. Benja. Weed, Mr. Thomas Youngs, for Stamford.
Colo. Thomas Fitch, Doct^{r} Thadeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Colo. John Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. Samuel Olmsted, Colo. Philip B. Bradley, for Ridgfield.
Capt. Daniel Starr, for Danbury.
Mr. Alex^{r} Stewart, Capt. Dan Towner, for New Fairfield.
Mr. Lemuel Sanford, Mr. William Hawley, for Redding.
for Newtown.
Mr. Samuel Webb, Mr. Ebenezer Devotion, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, for Lebanon.
Colo. Jabez Fitch, Capt. Ebenezer Bacon, for Canterbury.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Mr. William Robinson, Mr. Joshua Dunlap, for Plainfield.
Colo. Ebenezer Williams, for Pomfret.

Capt. Benja. Sumner, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Mr. Simeon Learned, Mr. Benja. Leavins, for Killingley.
Mr. Benja. Chaplin, Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
Capt. Elisha Child, Capt. Samuel McLellan, for Woodstock.
Maj^r James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Abraham Bradley, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Mr. John Cook, for Torrington.
Mr. John Canfield, Capt. Caleb Jewet, for Sharon.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. David Thomson, for Goshen.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, Mr. Asahel Bebee, for Canaan.
Maj^r Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Boardman, for New Milford.
Mr. Edward Rogers, Mr. John Pierce, for Cornwall.
Maj^r Abel Merrells, Capt. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Capt. Jethro Hatch, Capt. Justus Sacket, for Kent.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Capt. John Willson, for Harwington.
Colo. Zebulon Butler, Maj^r Ezekiel Pierce, for Westmoreland.
Capt. Abiel Camp, Capt. James Bird, for Salisbury.
[503] William Williams, Esqr, Speaker } of the House of
Richard Law, Esqr, Clerk } Representatives.

Resolved by this Assembly, That an Embargo be forthwith laid upon the exportation out of this Colony by water of the following articles of provision, *viz:* wheat, rye, indian corn, pork, beef, live cattle, pease and beans, butter, cheese, bread, flour, and every kind of meal, except necessary stores for vessels bound to sea; and that his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to issue a proclamation laying such embargo and prohibiting the exportation of such provisions accordingly. Such embargo to continue till the first day of June next.

Provided nevertheless, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby impowered and fully authorized, to grant permits for the exportation out of this Colony by water, [of] live cattle and provisions, [in] such cases and to such ports and places as he shall judge necessary and expedient for the public service.

Provided also, That his Honor the Governor by and with the advice of the Council may discontinue the embargo in whole or in part at any time when they shall judge it expedient.

This Assembly being informed that certain questions and disputes have arose amongst the troops lately raised by this Colony and sent into the Colony of New York, and such as are now employed against the ministerial forces in Canada, which disputes unless prevented may be attended with unhappy consequences: Therefore it is hereby resolved by this Assembly, that all the troops which have been lately raised by this Colony for the special defence thereof, and sent into the Colony of New York, and all such as are now employed against the ministerial troops in Canada, are and shall be subject to the rules, orders, regulations and discipline of the Congress of the twelve united Colonies during the time of their inlistment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Titus Hosmer and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed Delegates to represent this Colony at the General Congress of the United Colonies in America for the year ensuing, and until new be chosen. That is to say, the said Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, do attend said Congress, and on the failure of either of the said gentlemen by sickness or otherwise, then the said Titus Hosmer or William Williams, Esq^{rs}, are to supply the place or places of any or either of the said three gentlemen first named; in such manner that three of said Delegates, and three only, do attend said Congress at any one time. And the said three Delegates, or any or either of them who shall be present in said Congress, are hereby fully authorized and impowered to represent this Colony in said Congress, to consult, advise and resolve upon measures necessary to be taken and pursued for the defence, security and preservation of the rights and liberties of the said United Colonies, and for their common

safety; and of such their proceedings and resolves they do transmit authentic copies from time to time to the General Assembly of this Colony. That the said Delegates now appointed do repair to and take their seats in said Congress by the first day of January next, in case said Congress shall be then sitting, or as soon after as said Congress shall be convened; and that the said gentlemen who are now attending said Congress in behalf of this Colony do continue in their said office until the gentlemen now chosen and are directed to attend in manner aforesaid shall arrive at said Congress.

Whereas the committee appointed by this Assembly in May last for the purpose of procuring three thousand stand of arms for the use of this Colony &c. have now represented to this Assembly that they have proceeded in said business and procured a considerable number of said arms to be made [504] in this Colony, which are now in the hands || of said committee: but notwithstanding their utmost assiduity have not been able to procure the whole number ordered by said act within the time therein limited:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said committee be directed and they are hereby directed, to purchase and receive for the use of this Colony all the stands of fire-arms which shall be made and compleated within this Colony, according to the direction of the aforesaid act, and shall be delivered to said committee at any time before the first day of May next; and the manufacturers of said fire-arms and gun-locks shall be entituled to and receive the same bounty as those are entituled to by said act who made and delivered to the committee any arms before the 20th day of October instant, the time therein limited.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entituled An Act for the forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the chief officer of every troop shall cause the arms and ammunition of all under his command, and the chief officer of every company of foot shall cause the arms and ammuni-

tion of all under his command, and also of all others dwelling within the limits of his company who are by law obliged to keep arms, to be reviewed on the first Monday of May and the first Monday of October annually, by requiring such persons to bring forth their arms and ammunition at a certain time and place by such officer appointed; and if any of the persons aforesaid shall not appear, being thereto required and duly warned, or shall be deficient in arms or ammunition, such persons respectively shall pay the same fine for non-appearance, and also for deficiency of arms or ammunition, and in manner as in and by said act is provided, saving and excepting as in said act is excepted; any repealing act, or any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

This act to continue and be in force for the term of one year from the rising of this Assembly, and no longer.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That each and every trooper inlisted into and belonging to any troop of horse in this Colony shall, within three months from the first day of November next, furnish and provide himself with a suitable horse and furniture, a carabine and every other article of fire-arms and accoutrements which are by law already directed and prescribed for troopers, and the same constantly hold and keep in readiness for service. And that every person who shall hereafter inlist and be received into any troop of horse shall, within three months after such his inlistment, be compleatly furnished, provided and equipped in manner aforesaid.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every inlisted or to be inlisted trooper who shall neglect to furnish and provide himself in manner and within the time and times limited as aforesaid, shall be by the captain or chief officer of such troop discharged and dismissed from the same; and every person so discharged shall be liable and shall attend and perform military duty in the company of foot within

whose limits he shall belong, under the same regulations as the soldiers of said company by law are, unless such discharged trooper is or shall be by law otherwise exempted.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the captain or chief officer of every troop where any such neglect shall happen shall, within a short reasonable time after, certify such neglect and the names of the persons so neglecting and discharged to the captain or chief officer of the foot company within whose limits the same shall happen; and it shall be the duty of such captain of such foot company to enroll and require such discharged trooper to attend and do duty in his company as aforesaid.

[505] *And it is further enacted*, That if any captain or chief officer of any company of horse or foot shall neglect his duty as required by this act, he shall pay a fine of ten shillings for each offence to the town treasurer of the town to which he belongs, for the use of said town; to be recovered by warrant from the colonel of the regiment to which he belongs. Provided nevertheless, that if any such trooper shall be deficient in any article required which is not to be had or obtained in this Colony, it shall be in the power of the colonel or chief officer of the regiment, in such case only, to excuse him from the penalty of this act until such article can be gotten and obtained.

Whereas the listers in sundry towns in this Colony have by mistake omitted to insert in the general list of polls and rateable estate in such towns made up and sent to this Assembly, the polls of the officers and soldiers belonging to said towns who are abroad in the service of this Colony in the army, from whence inconveniences may arise: Which to prevent,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the lists made up as aforesaid without inserting the polls of such officers and soldiers may be received and entered by the committee for receiving the lists from the several towns, said omission notwithstanding.

And it is further resolved, That the listers in any of the

towns in this Colony who have omitted to insert the polls of such officers and soldiers in the lists they have made up and sent to this Assembly be and they are directed and enjoined to make up an additional list of the polls of said officers and soldiers and send the same to this Assembly at this or their next sessions.

And whereas said omission proceeded from a mistaken apprehension of their duty in such listers, for which said towns ought not to suffer loss or damage,

Resolved, That said towns shall have and receive their school money after the rate of forty shillings on every thousand pounds on such additions of the polls of said officers and soldiers out of the public treasury, said omission notwithstanding; and the Treasurer is authorized and directed to pay the same to such towns accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony be directed, and he is hereby directed and ordered, to receive into the treasury all such sum or sums of money or bills lately emitted by order of the Continental Congress which have already or hereafter shall be ordered by said Congress to be remitted to this Colony.

And whereas there is now in the hands of William Williams, Esqr, Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly, a large sum of said bills &c.

It is further resolved, That he, the said William Williams, Esqr, do deliver said bills now in his hands to the Treasurer and receive his receipt therefor and lodge the same with the Secretary of this Colony, and also receive a receipt of all such sum or sums which the Treasurer hath heretofore received from any other person or persons and lodge the same as aforesaid; and that it shall be the duty of those who shall hereafter be employed to bring further sum or sums of said money or bills, to deliver the same to the Treasurer and receive his receipt therefor and lodge the same with the Secretary as aforesaid; and that the Treasurer pay out the same according to the orders of this Assembly.

Whereas this Assembly have appointed and authorized John Canfield, Esqr, to receive out of the Colony Treasury the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, lawful money, which he is to apply to the relief of the infirm and sick soldiers at Ticonderoga and the parts adjacent in the service of the United Colonies, in such way and manner as in the act of this Assembly is directed, and this Assembly being informed that there are continental bills in the hands of Colo. William Williams that are to be delivered by him into the treasury of this Colony: Resolved therefore by this Assembly, that the said John Canfield, Esqr, apply to the said Colo. Williams and receive of him so many of said continental bills as to amount to said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds; which sum the said Colo. Williams is desired to pay to said John Canfield, Esqr; and said Canfield's receipt therefor shall be accepted by the Treasurer of this Colony as payment for that sum of the said Colo. Wm. Williams.

Resolved by this Assembly, That John Canfield, Esqr, receive out of the Colony treasury the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, and thereupon forthwith repair to Ticonderoga and parts adjacent and apply to the proper officers of the United Colonies that they afford all proper and suitable relief on account of the United Colonies to all sick and infirm soldiers in that quarter who have inlisted in the service of this Colony and are or may be lawfully returning home. And in case no adequate relief can be had on account of the United Colonies, then he, the said John Canfield, Esqr, is hereby directed to give such sick and infirm soldiers all such relief as may be necessary, at the expence of this Colony, and lay his account for his services and expenditures herein before the Pay-Table [506] for allowance, || and fully account for the money he shall receive as aforesaid. And the said John Canfield, Esqr, is further directed to receive and adjust all accounts which have arisen for the relief of such sick and infirm soldiers for which no compensation has or can be otherwise obtained, and lay the same before the Pay-Table, who shall order payment therefor and for all other accounts which have or may have arisen in

manner aforesaid, according to what they shall find justly and equitably due.

An Act providing for the Defence of the Sea Coasts of this Colony during the Term therein limited.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That a company of seventy men be inlisted and stationed at New London, from the 20th day of October instant until the first day of December next, for defence of the same. That said men be commanded by a captain, two lieutenants and an ensign. That the works begun on the old fort at New London be finished and compleated, and that said men to be inlisted be employed in perfecting the same; and that the cannon belonging to this Colony now in said New London be mounted on said fort, and that said fort be supplied with one ton of gun-powder out of the Colony stores. That a suitable platform be erected and made on said fort, and that the Colony Treasurer by order of the Committee of Pay-Table issue and pay to the captain of said company of soldiers the sum of one hundred pounds, to be laid out in purchase of materials for said platform and other necessary expences on said works, for which the said captain shall render his account when required. That a company of thirty men be inlisted and stationed at New Haven under the command of a lieutenant, from the 20th day of October instant until the first day of December next, for the defence thereof. That fifteen men be inlisted and stationed at Lyme under the command of a lieutenant, from said 20th of October to said first day of December, for the defence thereof. That a company of forty men be inlisted and stationed at Stonington under the command of a captain, from said 20th day of October to said first day of December, for the defence thereof. That said officers and soldiers shall have and receive the same monthly wages with the officers and soldiers already raised for the defence of this Colony, and that said officers and soldiers be allowed the sum of five shillings and three pence per week for their billeting during the term aforesaid; and that the officers already appointed by his Honor the Gov-

ernor and Committee of Safety still continue to have the command of said respective bodies of men, agreeable to said appointment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be directed and they are hereby directed and ordered as soon as may be, to prepare and state an account of all the expence and disbursements this Colony hath been at in raising, equipping and furnishing the troops lately raised in this Colony agreeable to act of this Assembly for the defence of the invaded rights of America, and all other expence which hath been incurred by this Colony in defence and prosecution of the said common cause of America, and transmit to his Honour the Governor an authenticated copy of said accounts, who is hereby desired to transmit the same to the Honble Continental Congress and request the payment of the balance which shall appear to be due to this Colony.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to receive, adjust and allow what is reasonable of the accounts of physicians, surgeons, nurses and others, who have attended or shall attend upon or support the sick among the troops raised by this Colony, who are taken sick in the service either before or on their march to or from their encampments and not under advantage of being taken care of as the sick in the army are, and to draw upon the Treasurer of this Colony for the payment thereof accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the post now riding from Woodstock to Hartford through Lebanon in this Colony be and he is hereby directed to be continued, by the same person or persons and under the same regulations and circumstances at the public expence as hath been heretofore used and practiced, until the further order of this Assembly or until some other regulations adequate to the purposes of such post shall be made by the Post-Master-General.

[507] Whereas his Honor the Governor with the advice of the Committee of Safety did order a number of men, offi-

cers and soldiers, to be raised for the defence of the towns of New Haven, New London, Lyme and Stonington in this Colony, at which places said officers and soldiers were stationed from the 20th day of September to the 20th day of October instant: Resolved therefore by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table for this Colony be and they are hereby impowered to receive, examine and adjust the several accounts and expenditures for the purpose aforesaid, and draw orders for the payment thereof upon the Treasurer of this Colony, who is hereby directed to pay such sums unto the chief officer of such company respectively as shall be found due.

Whereas upon the memorial of Mathew Talcott, Esqr, and others, preferred to this Assembly in May 1772, praying that buoys and marks might be erected in Connecticut River pointing out the shoals and bars, so that the navigation in said river might be rendered more safe, and it was by said Assembly resolved that the memorialists have liberty to set up and carry on a lottery or lotteries amounting to such a sum as by drawing at least ten *per cent.* out of each prize the whole might raise the sum of three hundred and thirty-seven pounds, and the managers to be liable for the payment of the prize tickets signed by them: the sum of three hundred pounds raised by said lottery to be paid into the hands of a committee or company, that should thereafter be appointed for carrying said design into execution, and thirty-seven pounds thereof to Capt. Abner Parker; and Mathew Talcott, Esqr, Richard Alsop and [John] Stocking, of Midletown, Samuel Olcott and John Chenevard, of Hartford, and Ebenezer Plummer of Glastonbury, and Silas Dean of Weathersfield, were appointed managers of said lottery: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Elisha Williams, William Wells and Colo. James Wadsworth, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to receive of said managers the sums raised by said lottery into their hands, and the same safely keep in their hands until further orders from this Assembly, and report make to the next session of this Assembly, or to the General Assembly in May next.

Whereas this Assembly in their sessions in May last appointed Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Capt. Samuel Wadsworth, Capt. Ezekiel Williams, Mr. Epaphras Bull, Henry Allyn, Esqr, Colo. Fisher Gay, Colo. Mathew Talcott, Colo. James Wadsworth, Capt. Jonathan Wells, Ebenezer White, Esqr, and Colo. Jonathan Humphry, a committee with instructions, at the expence of this Colony, to take care of and provide for a number of officers and soldiers with their families &c., who were then prisoners of war in the town of Hartford; and this Assembly being informed that a number of such prisoners are now in this Colony, and no provision is made for their confinement and support: Therefore resolved, that the committee aforesaid be impowered and they are hereby fully authorized, to take care of and provide for all such prisoners as are or shall be ordered and directed to this Colony by authority, in the same manner as in said act they are directed.

Whereas a former Assembly did appoint Daniel Sherman and Benjamin Stiles, Esq^{rs}, a committee to pay off and discharge those prizes in the Ousatonuck River Lottery that were not discharged by the managers of said lottery, and for that purpose did order the Treasurer of this Colony to deliver into the hands of said Sherman and Stiles, Esq^{rs}, the sum of £500 0 0, lawful money, whereof they were to account to this Assembly: And whereas no account hath been rendered by those gentlemen: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. Oliver Wolcott and Andrew Adams, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to settle and adjust accounts with the said Daniel Sherman and Benjamin Stiles, Esq^{rs}, of their doings in the premises, and receive of them whatever sum or part of said £500 pounds may be left in their hands not disposed of for the use aforesaid; and said former committee are directed to render their account and payment as aforesaid to the present committee, who are to make report to the next General Assembly of their doings in the premises.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired to write to the Continental Congress and state

the several matters relative to the prisoners of war who now are or hereafter shall be brought into this Colony, and request the direction of said Congress in what manner the officers and soldiers who are prisoners as aforesaid shall be provided for and supported, and how and in what manner the expence incurred thereby shall be defrayed; and that his Honor transmit therewith a copy of General Washington's letter to the Committee of Inspection at Hartford, respecting Major French and his companions, also said French's request contained in his billet to Mr. Payne, and Capt. William Delaplace's memorial preferred to this Assembly.

[508] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That the accounts exhibited to this Assembly for allowance by John Boles jun^r and John Boles the 3d, both of New London, for sundry articles supplied to officers and soldiers raised in this Colony, be referred to the Committee of Pay-Table, who are directed to examine and adjust said accounts and to draw on the Treasurer for what they shall allow thereon, and charge the same to the respective officers at whose request the said articles were had, as appears by said accounts, to be adjusted upon settlement between said Committee of Pay-Table and said officers; which said accounts said Committee of Pay-Table are directed to receive and keep for that purpose.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esqr, Judge of the County Court of the county of Windham until the first day of June next, in the room of the Honble Shubael Conant, Esqr, deceas'd.*

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Devotion, Esqr, a Justice of the Quorum for the county of Windham until the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Constant Southworth a Justice of the Peace for the county of Windham until the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Hotchkiss to be Justice

* Shubael Conant died Sept. 16, 1775, aged 64.

of the Peace within and for the county of New Haven until the first day of June next.*

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Strong to be a Justice of the Peace for the county of Fairfield until the first day of June next.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Sturges, Esqr, Judge of Probate in and for the district of Fairfield until the first day of June next, in the room of Ebenezer Silliman, Esqr, deceas'd. †

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, to be Colonel of the second regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Colo. Leveret Hubbard resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Maj^{r} William Danielson to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the eleventh regiment in this Colony, in the room of Lieutenant-Colo. Putnam promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Samuel McClellan to be Major of the eleventh regiment in this Colony, in the room of Maj^{r} Danielson promoted.

This Assembly do establish Robert Brown to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abel Burrit to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the second regiment in said Colony.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Bradley jun^{r} to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Curtiss to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish George Burr to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

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* In the place of James Abraham Hillhouse, who died Oct. 3, 1775, aged 45.

† Ebenezer Silliman died Oct. 11, 1775, aged 68.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Dennison to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Smith to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Walker jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 11th company or trainband in the 5th regiment in this Colony.

[509] This Assembly do establish David Robbins jun^r to be Ensign of the eleventh company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Root to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peleg Noyes to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Stonington.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Brown to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Bell to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Belding to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Payne to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Baker to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Lyon 3d to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Holcbrook to be Lieutenant of the eleventh company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Whitmore to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Crosby to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Pain Convers jun^r to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Nichols jun^r to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Stone to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of New Milford.

This Assembly do establish William Gaylord to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of New Milford.

This Assembly do establish John Stilson to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of New Milford.

This Assembly do establish Thadeus Hurd to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Cornelius Brownson to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Holmes to be Captain of the 18th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ithamur Harvey to be Lieutenant of the 18th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zechariah Hungerford to be Ensign of the 18th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Murdock to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Tobey to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

[510] This Assembly do establish Heman Allyn to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Everts jun^r to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Belding to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Bogardus to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Orton to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Forde to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Newell to be Captain of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elnathan Gridley to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Lusk to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Foot to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Hinsdale to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Bull to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Kibbee to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Elsworth jun^r to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah White to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Loomiss to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Abbot to be Ensign of the company or trainband in the town of Union.

This Assembly do establish Eli Butler to be Captain of the troop of horse in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Edward Eells jun^r to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Edward Hamlin jun^r to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Bacon to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Stewart to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Chatham.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Churchill to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Chatham.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hubbard to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

[511] This Assembly do establish William Wilcox to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Smith to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Olmsted to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Brainard to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hall to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Fuller to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Garret to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Christopher Avery to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Landon to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish George Dorrance to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asael Buck to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Ransom to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peran Ross to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asaph Whittlesey to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Strong to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Parker to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Keyes to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William McKarrican to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lazarus Stewart junr to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Silas Gore to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Rezin Geer to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Gore to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Hollenbough to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abraham Gray to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

[512] This Assembly do establish Stephen Harden to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Scovil to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Jenkin junr to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliab Farnam to be Captain of

the eighth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Shaw to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Winters to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Secord to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Depue to be Lieutenant of the 9th company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Rudolph Fox to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Titus Smith to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Barnabas Baldwin jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Newton to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Bissell to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nehemiah Tinker to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eleazer Denison to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Stodard to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Hungerford to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Bolles to be Captain of the 9th company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Webb jun^r to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Knap to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Weed the 3d to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 9th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zachariah Coe to be Captain of the 10th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

[513] This Assembly do establish Ephraim Middlebrooks to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Bradley to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Israel Potter to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Thomson jun^r to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Pitkin to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel White to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zebulon Bidwell to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Christopher Leffingwell to be Captain of Norwich Light Infantry company in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Clements jun^r to be Lieutenant of Norwich Light Infantry company in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Howland to be Ensign of Norwich Light Infantry company in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Knowles Sears to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Gates to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Mosely to be Captain of the military company or trainband established and called by the name of the Volunteers in Glastonbury.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Hollister jun^r to be First Lieutenant of the military company or trainband established and called by the name of the Volunteers in Glastonbury.

This Assembly do establish Howell Woodbridge to be Second Lieutenant of the military company established and called by the name of the Volunteers in Glastonbury.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Mosely to be Ensign of the military company or trainband established and called by the name of the Volunteers in Glastonbury.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. John Gordon jun^r of Voluntown to be a Surveyor of Lands for the county of Windham, in the room of Robert Dixson, Esqr, resigned.

This Assembly do establish Jeremiah Hogoboom to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

Joseph Hopkins, Esqr, and Capt. Samuel Forbs are appointed a committee to repair to the lead mines in New

Canaan and examine into the quality, state and circumstances thereof, and report the same to this Assembly at their next session.*

On information of the state, circumstances and doings of the west military company or trainband in the society of Northbury in the town of Waterbury: Resolved by this Assembly, that said company or trainband be and the same is hereby dissolved, and that all persons living within the limits of the same who by law are obliged to perform mili- [514] tary duty be || annexed to the two remaining companies or trainbands in said society in manner following, *viz:* all such persons who now do or hereafter shall dwell in said society southward and westward of a line beginning at the north end of the dwelling-house of Mr. David Smith in said society, then running westward as the highway runs over Naugatuck River to a place called Twich Grass Brook, near the south side of Capt. David Blacksley house, then running up said brook till it comes to Litchfield line, and not belonging to the company or trainband under the command of Capt. Jesse Curtiss, shall be annexed to the company or trainband now under the command of Capt. Nathaniel Barns; and that all persons who now do or hereafter shall dwell in said society northward and eastward of the line aforesaid and not included in the original limits of the said company or trainband under the command of said Capt. Barns, be and are annexed to the company or trainband now under the command of Capt. Jesse Curtiss. Always provided, that nothing in this resolve shall be construed to prevent any person from inlisting into the company or trainband under the command of said Capt. Curtiss as by law is already provided.

Whereas this Assembly are informed that Benjamin Stiles of Woodbury hath publickly and contemptuously uttered and spoken many things against the qualifications of the three Delegates of the Colony of Connecticut now belonging to the

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Continental Congress, with respect to their abilities, integrity and uprightness, and also against the measures that have been adopted by the continent for the relief and security of the valuable rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the continent of America, by means whereof he, the said Benjamin Stiles, hath openly shewed his inimical temper of mind and unfriendly disposition against the measures taken and pursued for a union of defence in the American cause, as per information on file: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benjamin Stiles be cited to appear before the General Assembly of this Colony at their next sessions, to answer to the matters alledged against him, the said Benjamin Stiles; and the Secretary is hereby directed to cause him to be served with a citation for that purpose, and also with a copy of the information exhibited to this Assembly against him; and that the several witnesses named in said information be by the Secretary summoned to appear before the General Assembly at their next sessions, to testify in the premises.

Whereas this Assembly are informed that John R. Marshall of Woodbury, missionary, hath publickly and contemptuously uttered and spoken many things against the doings of the General Assembly of this Colony, and in derision and contempt of the same, relating to the measures and plans of procedure that have been adopted and come into by this Assembly for the defence and security of the valuable rights and privileges of the inhabitants of said Colony, and that the said John Marshall hath by means thereof evidently shewed therein his inimical temper and unfriendly disposition against the measures, modes and plans that are adopted for the defence of the American cause, as per information on file: It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Marshall be cited to appear before the General Assembly of this Colony at their next sessions, to answer to the matters alledged against him, the said John; and the Secretary is hereby directed to cause him to be served with a citation for that purpose, and also with a copy of said inform-

ation exhibited to this Assembly against him; and that the several witnesses named in the information be by the Secretary summoned to appear before the General Assembly at their next sessions, to testify in the premises.

Upon the memorial of the second company of Governor's Guards, praying this Assembly to authorize said company annually to elect their non-commissioned officers, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said company be authorized, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, annually to elect their non-commissioned officers. Provided nevertheless, that those non-commissioned officers who may or shall be superceded at such annual election shall be obliged to return into the ranks and act as common soldiers in said company only.

Upon the memorial of John McCall and others, of Norwich in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that they have associated themselves in a military company under certain articles to said memorial annexed; praying that [515] they || may be constituted a military company under the direction of the field officers of the 20th regiment &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby constituted a distinct military company by the name of the Veteran Guards, with liberty by voluntary inlistment from time to time to compleat their number of sixty men, including officers: provided that no other military company or troop of horse shall be by such inlistment reduced below the number by law allowed to such companies; with full power to choose a captain, one lieutenant and an ensign, and such other officers as shall be necessary, and to furnish themselves with such arms, ammunition and implements of war as said company shall agree upon by the major vote of said company who shall be present upon legal warning to act thereon; and shall do as much military duty as other military companies are by law obliged to do, and shall be subject to such further rules, orders and regulations as shall or may be voted and agreed upon by the officers and

company; and in equi-vote the captain or chief officer to have a casting voice: provided such orders and regulations are allowed and approved of by the Captain-General, or by the field officers of said regiment. And no person shall be inlisted into or dismissed from said company but by the vote of said company. And in case said company should be dissolved, or any person or persons be dismissed therefrom, all persons released from said company in either of the ways aforesaid who ought by law still to bear arms shall do duty in the military companies where they respectively belong.

Upon the memorial of Jesse Denison, administrator upon the estate of James Denison late of New Haven, deceas'd, representing that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £167 3 4; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £167 3 4, together with the incident charge of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of John Gillett, administrator of the estate of Jacob Sisco late of Symsbury in Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges, with some small allowances to the widow of the said deceas'd, surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £27 1 11, L. money, for the payment of which sum no provision was made by the deceas'd in his life time; and praying liberty that the said John Gillett may be impowered to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd as may be sufficient to raise said sum of £27 1 11, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John

Gillett be and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise the said sum of £27 1 11, lawful money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Simsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of the town of Plainfield, shewing to this Assembly that the burthen of repairing highways according to the directions of the law as it now stands falls very unequally upon the inhabitants of said town; praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable of the inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town:

Resolved by this Assembly, That said town of Plainfield have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town of Plainfield, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town, and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for repairing the highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered by their selectmen or a committee chosen by said town annually or from time to time as occasion may require, to divide the highways in said town into districts, and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any Assistant or justice of the peace are hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyors to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective [516] districts, in the same manner and form as || town taxes are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen

of said town in a reasonable time when thereto required after the same becomes payable to said collector. And all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired, shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer for the time being, and by him or his successor in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively, in the same proportion as the monies received by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered and be divided.

And it is further resolved, That this liberty and authority shall be and remain to the said town of Plainfield for the term of two years from the first day of January 1776. And in case the town of Plainfield shall neglect to practice thereon, then the same shall not be construed as to said town to alter or any way affect the general laws of this Colony respecting the repairs of highways as the same now stand.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That if the moneys so raised as aforesaid in said town should be found insufficient to defray the expence of repairing the highways in said town, then and in that case said highways shall be further and sufficiently repaired by force and direction of the law of this Colony; anything in this act notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Titus Read, administrator on the estate of Mary Read late of Symsbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited against the estate of said deceas'd and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Symsbury surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £5 15 0, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as may be sufficient to raise said sum of £5 15 0, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Titus Read be and he is hereby impowered and fully authorized, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said

deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £5 15 0, L. money, with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Sedgwick, shewing to this Assembly that he became bound to the Colony Treasurer in a sum of about six hundred pounds, lawful money, for arrears due from Timothy Seymour, a collector of a Colony tax; that he had been obliged to take the real estate of the said Timothy to secure himself, and that he had disposed of the same and had with the avails thereof and out of his own estate paid all but about one hundred pounds of said sum, for which the Treasurer hath obtained judgment and execution is now in the hands of the sheriff against him, and that it will greatly distress the memorialist to pay the same at this time, and praying that said execution may be suspended until the first day of June next, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said execution be suspended, and all further proceedings thereon, until the first day of June next, upon the memorialist giving security to the Treasurer of the Colony for the interest which hath arisen on the sum now due on said execution from the time the judgment was obtained on which said execution issued until the first day of June next.

Whereas a number of inhabitants in the town of Glastonbury have inlisted themselves into a military company and chosen their officers, *viz:* Mr. Joseph Mosely captain, Mr. Thomas Hollister first lieutenant, Mr. Howell Woodbridge second lieutenant, and Doct^r Isaac Mosely ensign, and have made application to this Assembly, that said company may be established and said officers commissioned &c., as per their memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the several persons who have inlisted themselves into a military company as aforesaid, being eighty-one in number between sixteen and fifty years of age, be and they are hereby established a military company by the name of Volunteers in

Glastonbury; and the persons abovenamed, who are by said military company elected and chosen officers in said company, are hereby established in the respective offices to which they are chosen as aforesaid, and that they be subjected to the military laws as other military companies by law are.

Upon the memorial of James Weed, administrator on the estate of Josiah Weed, late of Stamford in Fairfield county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts &c. due from and allowed against said estate surmount the personal [517] inventoried estate and || credits of said deceas'd the sum of £24 14*s.* 9*d.* lawful money, and praying to be impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said James Weed be and he is hereby impowered to sell real estate of said deceas'd to raise said sum of £24 14 9, lawful money, to enable him to pay said debts and also the charges of sale; taking direction of the court of probate in the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of Ruth Blakely and Samuel Blakely, executors of the last will and testament of Samuel Blakely late of Woodbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed against said estate surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £70 12 11, L. money, and praying for liberty to sell real estate &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Blakely have liberty and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to make said sum of £70 12 11, L. money, with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Woodbury therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Weaver jun^r of Stonington, setting forth that he was a minute-man in Capt. Oliver Smith's company, and that he received a dangerous wound at the attack upon Stonington Long Point, whereby he was put

to great charge and expence; praying this Assembly to make him such allowance as they should think reasonable &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be allowed the sum of £12 4 4, and that the Treasurer of this Colony pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Salisbury, by their agents Abiel Camp and James Bird, shewing to this Assembly that the Treasurer of this Colony hath obtained judgment and execution against the memorialists for a large sum for the arrearages of rates due from said town to this Colony, which the memorialists are at present unable to pay; praying for a longer time &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be allowed until the first day of November 1776, for payment thereof, on their giving sufficient security to the Governor and Company of this Colony for the payment thereof with interest; and the Treasurer of this Colony is directed to suspend the levy of said execution accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Gray, of Stamford in Fairfield county, shewing to this Assembly that he hath quantities of rye and indian corn which are wasting and spoiling, and also that many of the inhabitants of the said town of Stamford have large quantities of the aforementioned commodities, and that he owns a sloop of about fifty tons burthen, which he would risque together with her loading to transport rye and indian corn to supply the suffering inhabitants of the eastern part of the Province of the Massachusets Bay, *viz:* to Falmouth, Machias and Sheepscut in the said Province; praying for liberty to transport a sloop load of rye and indian corn to the said Province of the Massachusets Bay, *viz:* to Machias, Falmouth and Sheepscut in the said Province, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and he is hereby permitted and liberty is granted him, to transport said sloop load of rye and indian corn to said Falmouth, Machias and Sheepscut: provided he give bond to the Governor and Company of this Colony for

the sum of £500 0 0, L. money, that he will faithfully transport, land and dispose of said rye and indian corn at one or other of the places aforesaid: said bond to be lodged with the naval officer for the port of New Haven.

Upon the memorial of Leonard Dussau, of Cape Francois in the West Indies, shewing that he is owner of a schooner of about fifty tons burthen now lying in the harbour of New York; praying for permission to load said schooner with lumber from this Colony for said Cape, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and permission is hereby granted, to load said schooner with a cargo of lumber from this Colony to Cape Francois in the West Indies, upon his giving bond in the sum of £500 0 0, L. money, payable to the Treasurer of this Colony, that he will not carry said cargo of lumber to any English island in the West Indies, and also that he will procure and return unto this continent such military stores as he can obtain that may be needful and necessary; and any naval officer in this Colony is hereby impowered to take such bond, payable to the Treasurer of this Colony.

[518] Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Sharon, shewing to this Assembly that the inhabitants of said town are at great expence in mending and repairing the highways in said town besides the necessary labour, and that they are really of opinion that if the whole expence of repairing and mending highways in said town was done by tax upon the inhabitants of said town the burthen thereof would fall more equally upon the rich and poor, and the roads or highways in said town be kept in better repair; and therein praying liberty to mend and repair the highways in said town by a tax to be raised yearly on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, and that the same be collected and appropriated to the use aforesaid, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the inhabitants of the said town of Sharon have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to them in town meeting legally warned

and assembled, to grant a tax to be raised on the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants yearly for the purpose of mending and repairing the highways in said town; and that they have liberty to choose a collector or collectors for that purpose, and that he or they have the same power and authority as other collectors of taxes by law have, and be under the same regulations as other collectors of taxes are by law; and that the mending and repairing said highways, the payment of said taxes, and the dispositions of the monies arising on said taxes, be under the direction of the inhabitants of said town in town meeting.

On the memorial of Miles Hull, of Wallingford in New Haven county, administrator on the estate of Miles Hull of said Wallingford, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from said deceas'd's estate surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £42 2 9, lawful money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd's estate as to pay said sum together with necessary charges thereon arising: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £42 2 9 together with the necessary charges thereon arising; he taking the directions of the court of probate in the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Russell and other inhabitants of Derby living within the limits of the first ecclesiastical society and in the limits of the society of Oxford, shewing that their situation is such that they cannot conveniently attend public worship in said societies, especially in the winter season; praying that they may be exempted from ministerial taxes to each of their respective societies for four months in each year, and that they may be impowered to tax themselves for the support of the gospel among themselves for said term, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists and all such persons living in the

following limits, *viz:* beginning at the Five Mile Brook where the country road that leads to Woodbury crosses said brook, and then down said brook to the great river, from thence down said river to a small brook that falls into said river in Amos Basset's farm, and from thence to the mouth of Hassocky Meadow Brook where the same empties into Naugatock River, including the dwelling-houses of Amos Basset and Benjamin Basset, and from thence up said Naugatuck River to the bridge by the falls, and from thence up the road to the corner of Daniel Wooster's meadow by the little river, and from thence to the dwelling-house of Abner Johnson, excluding said house, and from thence to the first mentioned station, be and they are hereby impowered to tax themselves for the support of public worship among themselves for the term of four months in each year; and they are hereby exempted from paying any ministerial taxes during said term towards the support of the gospel in each of the other societies. This act to continue during the pleasure of this Assembly: provided and on condition they uphold, support and carry on public worship among themselves as proposed.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Smith and Jonathan House, administrators on the estate of Richard Smith late of Glastonbury, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £7 15 4½, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise said sum of £7 15 4½, L. money: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £7 15 4½, L. money, with incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford therein.

[519] Upon the memorial of James Burgiss, of Litchfield in the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly

that he lives at the southwesterly part of the town of Litchfield within the limits of the first society in said Litchfield and full eight miles distant from the meeting-house in said society, and within half that distance from the meeting-house in the society of Judea in the town of Woodbury; that it is very inconvenient for him to attend public worship in said Litchfield, and much more convenient to attend the same in said society of Judea where he has usually attended, and that he is so situated as to be capable of receiving benefit from schools in said Judea, which it is not in his power to receive from said Litchfield; praying that he with his family and his homestead where he now lives may be annexed to said society of Judea &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said James Burgiss together with his family and his homestead where he now lives be and they are hereby annexed to said society of Judea and included within the limits and boundaries thereof, and that they be subject to the same regulations and entituled to the same privileges as the other inhabitants of said society of Judea by law are as to all matters relating to said society, and be exempted from the payment of society and school taxes in said first society in Litchfield.

Upon the memorial of Elenor Gray, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, administratrix of the estate of Elisha Gray late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield against the estate of said deceas'd, with a small allowance to the widow of said deceas'd for necessaries, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £28 8 1, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of real estate &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted her, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £28 8 1 with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Peggy Smith, of Glastonbury in Hartford county, only administratrix to the estate of Thomas Smith late of said Glastonbury, deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the value of his personal estate, necessary utensils of housekeeping excepted, the sum of £74 10 0, L. money, and that there is no other method whereby said memorialist can raise said sum but by selling part of said deceas'd's real estate, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum with incident charges &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted her, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £74 10 0, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Stephen Thorp, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that he is owner of a sloop of about fifty tons and has in store a large quantity of indian corn, rye and rye flour, and is desirous to load said sloop with the articles aforesaid and transport such lading to Falmouth, Machias or Sheepscut in the Province of the Massachusets Bay; praying for liberty to transport said sloop load of rye, indian corn and rye flour to either of the places aforesaid, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby permitted and liberty is granted him, to transport said sloop load of rye, indian corn and rye flour to said Falmouth, Machias or Sheepscut: provided he give bond to the Governor and Company of this Colony for the sum of £500 0 0, L. money, that he will faithfully transport, sell and dispose of said rye, indian corn and rye flour at one or other of the places aforesaid: said bond to be lodged with the naval officer for the port of New Haven.

Upon the memorial of Mary Kimberly, of Glastonbury in Hartford county, sole administratrix to the estate of John

Kimberly, Esqr, late of said Glastonbury, deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the value of his personal estate, necessary utensils of housekeeping excepted, the sum of £211 11 9, L. money, and that there is no other method whereby said memorialist can raise said sum but by selling part of said deceas'd's real estate, and praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum with incident charges &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and authority, and liberty and authority is hereby granted her, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of £211 11 9, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking direction of the court of probate in the district of Hartford therein.

[520] Upon the memorial of Abraham Hubbell of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that he expended a large sum of money in apprehending one James Brown for committing a burglary of which he was afterwards convicted before the superior court holden at Fairfield in August last, and that said court refused to allow said cost; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Hubbel be allowed out of the Colony treasury the sum of £6 4 8, L. money, toward said expences and cost; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Increase Bradley and Peter Whitney, of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that they have in store a large quantity of rye and indian corn, which lies by them for want of buyers, which they are desirous to ship on board their sloop of about fifty tons burthen and the same transport to Falmouth, Machias or Sheepscut in the Massachusets Bay; praying this Assembly to grant them a permit to transport said sloop load of rye and indian corn to either of the places aforesaid, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and they

are hereby permitted and liberty is granted them, to ship on board said sloop a sufficient quantity of rye and indian corn to load the same, and the same rye and indian corn transport to Falmouth, Machias or Sheepscut in the Province of the Massachusets Bay: provided they give bond to the Governor and Company of this Colony that they will faithfully transport and land and dispose of said rye and indian corn at said Falmouth, Machias or Sheepscut: said bond to be for the sum of £500, L. money, and to be lodged with the naval officer for the port of New Haven.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Todd of East Hoosuck, executor of the last will and testament of Noah Pangborn late of said New Haven, deceas'd, shewing that the demands against said estate justly amount to £3 11 10, which there is not goods or chattels of said deceas'd to pay, and praying liberty to sell lands of said deceas'd to pay the same: Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be given, and liberty and authority is hereby given to said Todd, to sell so much of the lands of said deceas'd as shall amount to said sum and the charges thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Nehemiah Tinker and Samuel Kennedy, praying this Assembly to grant them the sum of seven pounds eighteen shillings, L. money, for service by them done for said Colony, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists receive out of the publick treasury of this Colony the sum of seven pounds eight shillings, L. money; and the Treasurer of said Colony is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Lacy and Deborah Lacy, of Fairfield, administrators on the goods and estate of Edward Lacy, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that since a former allowance of debts in the court of probate for the district of Fairfield certifyed to the General Assembly, and for the payment whereof liberty hath been granted to sell some of the lands of said deceas'd Edward, a further allowance of debts

against said estate hath been made in said court of probate, amounting to the sum of £9 11 10, L. money, and that they have nothing in their hands to pay the same with; praying for liberty to sell lands sufficient to pay the same, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty, power and authority are hereby given and granted unto them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of nine pounds eleven shillings and ten pence, together with the incident charges of sale; taking the direction of the court of probate in said district therein.

Upon the petition of Eliphalet Bulkley, of Colchester in Hartford county, against Oliver Bulkley of Colchester, Samuel Huntington, Esqr, of Norwich, and others, creditors to the said Eliphalet, praying for an act of insolvency, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of said petition be referred to the General Assembly to be held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May next, and that the person and estate of said petitioner be freed and secured from arrests and imprisonment for any debts due before the date of said petition, until the rising of the General Assembly in May next.

[521] The Gentlemen nominated by the Votes of the Freemen to stand for Election in May next as sent in to the General Assembly holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October 1775, are as follow, viz: *

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr,
The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr,
William Sam^{ll} Johnson, Esqr,
Joseph Spencer, Esqr,
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
Samuel Huntington, Esqr,

* The following account of "Votes for Nomination, Octr 1775," is in *Rev. War*, I, 267*a*.

Hon^{bl} Jonath. Trumble, Esqr, 4144
Hon^{bl} Math. Griswold, Esqr, 4325
Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, 3098
Shubael Conant, Esqr, 1278, After death 1022.
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, 2778
Eliph. Dyer, Esqr, 3658
Jabez Huntington, Esqr, 3638
Wm. Pitkin, Esqr, 4180
Roger Sherman, Esqr, 3772
Ab'm Davenport, Esqr, 3395
Wm. Sam. Johnson, Esqr, 991
Joseph Spencer, Esqr, 3692
Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, 3614
Saml Huntington, Esqr, 3887
Ja's. Ab'm. Hillhouse, Esqr, 1030

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Mr. Richard Law,
Colo. William Williams,
Colo. Erastus Wolcott,
Colo. Samuel Holden Parsons,
Mr. Daniel Sherman,
Mr. Silas Dean,
Mr. Titus Hosmer.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Assembly that it is not best to enter upon any private business of a civil nature betwixt party and party wherein there is any litigation at this session of this Assembly.

Whereas the situation of public affairs is such at present that this Assembly will not attend to private matters: Therefore resolved, that the consideration of all private business of a disputable nature be referred over to the session of this Assembly in May next, and that all persons that by any former resolve of Assembly are freed from arrests during the pendance of their petitions already preferred do remain in the same situation till their causes are heard, or until the further order of this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That William Williams, Esqr, who has now in his care in this town of New Haven a sum or quantity of continental currency lately received by him

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Mr. Rich'd Law, 2926
Col. Wm. Williams, 2875
Col. Erastus Wolcott, 2153
Col. S. Holden Parsons, 2129
Mr. Dan'l Sherman, 1853
Mr. Silas Dean, 1403
Mr. Titus Hosmer, 1061
Col. George Pitkin, 862
Col. James Wadsworth, 755
Col. G. Sellick Silliman, 746
Col. Jos. P. Cook, 649
Col. Thos. Fitch, 517
Mr. Jonth. Sturges, 489
Mr. S. Bishop jr., 456
Mr. Wm. Hillhouse, 438
Col. Geo. Wyllys, 283
Mr. Benj. Huntington, 231
Gen'l. Putnam, 226
Col. Fisher Gay, 222
Mr. Nath. Wales, Jr., 217
Mr. Benj. Payne, 199
Capt. Jos. Trumbull, 182
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, 180
Mr. Jesse Root, 180
Capt. Increase Mosely, 166
Mr. Dan'l Brainard, 158
Col. Jno. Pitkin, 141
Col. G. Saltonstall, 140
Doct. Alex. Wolcott, 105
Col. Thos. Seymour, 113

and Nathaniel Wales, Esqr, of the Continental Treasurer at Philadelphia for the use of this Colony, do and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay and deliver unto Samuel Bishop and Fisher Gay, Esq^{rs}, the sum of sixteen hundred and seventy-eight dollars, equal to five hundred and three pounds eight shillings lawful money, of said currency, to be by them improved to pay and discharge the debenture of said Assembly in their present session; and if said sum shall be more than sufficient for that purpose, they are to pay and deliver the overplus to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor for their own security, not to be lodged with the Secretary nor charged against said Treasurer; and said Treasurer is directed to allow said sum to said Williams so delivered and paid over to said Bishop and Gay as if delivered to him personally, and charge the Colony for said debenture paid as aforesaid.

This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to the Honble Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds for the last half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly is adjourned by proclamation &c., until his Honor the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'ry.

[48] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY &C. HOLDEN THURSDAY 2D NOVEMBER A.D. 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor,
Hon. D. Govr Griswold,
Jabez Huntington, Esq,
Sam^ll Huntington, Esq,
Wm. Williams, Esq,
Nath^ll Wales, Esq,
Jed^h Elderkin, Esq,
Joshua West, Esq, and
Benja. Huntington, Esq.

A motion by Dr. Jno. Waldo of Coventry (and recommended by Col. Jed. Huntington &c.) improved two months from 14 Aug. to 14 Octo. last as a doctor, chiefly in said Col. Huntington's regiment when they were very sick and both the surgeon's mates also sick, and that he has expended £6 in said service for subsistance &c. and horse, and moving for an allowance &c.; and on consideration this Board do allow said Dr. Waldo the sum of thirteen pounds, which is £4 per month, and £5 for said expences; and that an order be drawn accordingly. And an order was drawn accordingly and delivered him.

Voted also an order on the Pay-Table in favor of Mr. David [49] Trumbull for £100, to be improved for ‖ fixing, stocking and repairing &c. about 180 gun-barrels sent from Crown Point, and for the use of the Colony: said sum to be improved for that purpose and to account for in manner and for the use aforesaid, and he having already expended £59 in said service. And drew an order accordingly.

The brigantine Minerva, an armed vessel in the service of this Colony, commanded by Cap. Giles Hall, having been lately ordered by this Board on a cruise to the northward, on an important enterprize for the defence and safety of this Colony, and the hands on board having neglected and refused to obey said orders, said Cap. Hall and Lt. Phillips of said brig being notified were present to be enquired of in the premises; and being examined &c., it appears that all the hands or soldiers and marines on board, except about 10 or 12, being duly noticed of said orders utterly declined and refused to obey the same and perform said cruise, which through their disobedience has wholly failed &c.

It is thereupon considered and resolved by this Board, That all the said hands who were guilty of such disobedience be forthwith dismissed and discharged from the service of this Colony on board said brig, in manner and at the discretion of the committee hereafter appointed; and that their wages and title to receive any for former services on board the same be suspended for further consideration.

And this Board do appoint the Honble Deputy Governor Griswold, Samuel Huntington and Benjamin Huntington, Esq^rs^, a committee as soon as may be to repair to Lyme or Saybrook, or where it shall be necessary, to make such further enquiry as they [50] shall think proper ‖ in the matter aforesaid, and to dismiss and discharge said disorderly and disobedient hands as aforesaid, and to direct, authorize and impower said Cap. Hall to inlist and retain other men so many as they shall think proper, instead of the men so discharged, for such term as shall by the General Assembly or the Governor and this Committee be judged necessary, and until orderly dismissed.

Moved by his Honor that he expects an engineer from Genl Washington, to view the circumstances of the harbor &c. at New London and neighboring places, and consider of the most proper places and manner of fortifying the same against our enemies &c., according to act of Assembly, and that some proper persons may be appointed to be with and assist him &c.: And thereupon this Board do appoint Col Elderkin and also Maj^r^ Dorr of Boston, now residing at Norwich, to attend and assist in said service and make report.*

His Honor also moved for advice about recommending Mr. Moses Cleaveland to Genl Washington for an officer &c., and the matter is referred to his Honor's discretion.

And the meeting dismissed.

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* A committee had been appointed in April 1775, *ante* vol. xiv, 434, to take into consideration the best method of securing, defending, and protecting our sea-coast ports and shipping therein. A report as to New London was made at the next May session, the consideration of which was deferred to the next session, *Rev. War*, i, 360. In October 1775, the report was further referred to the then next session, and in the meantime the Governor and Council of Safety were desired to employ some engineer to view the situation and circumstances of said port, to consider the most eligible manner of fortifying the same, to make estimates of the expense, and to report. Washington was unable to send an engineer, and Major Dawes (not Dorr,) declined the service. Col. Elderkin's report is in *Rev. War*, i, 358, and printed in *Am. Archives*, 4th, iii, 1560.

[51] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. 3D NOVEMBER, 1775, CALLED SPECIALLY ON RECEIPT OF A LETTER AND REQUEST FROM THE TOWN AND COMMITTEE OF NEW HAVEN, RECEIVED 2D INSTANT, EVENING, PER MR. BABCOCK, REQUESTING SUNDRY THINGS TO BE DONE, MADE AND PROVIDED, FOR THEIR SAFETY, OCCASIONED BY THE ALARMING NEWS OF ORDERS TO DESTROY ALL THE SEA-PORT TOWNS &C.

Present: The same gentlemen as yesterday.

On consideration of the motion and request of the town and committee of New Haven, requesting sundry things for their defence and safety, by their letter signed Wm. Greenough, chairman, received by hand of Mr. Babcock, and he being fully heard on the subject matters therein contained, and the matters specially referred to him by said town.

This Board do resolve and order, That twenty men be inlisted by Cap. Thompson in addition to the 30 raised and continued there by order of the General Assembly at their last session, until the 1st of December next and under the same regulations. and that the whole of said men be kept and employed under the command of said Cap. Thompson, in building and erecting a proper breast-work and battery for defence and security against any hostile attack from any of the ministerial ships &c., at a place called Black Rock, on the eastern shore of the harbour or channel leading up to said N. Haven. Said works to be constructed under the direction of a committee to be appointed for that purpose by said town.

Voted and resolved also, That his Honor the Governor be desired [52] to write ‖ to the Honble Committee of the City of New York, requesting for and in favor of the town or selectmen of New Haven, for the use of said town, the loan of 18 pieces of iron cannon of the size and dimensions of 18 and 24 pounders, or some of lesser size, *viz.* of 12, if the others cannot be obtained; to be at the risque of this Colony if lost or spoil'd by inevitable providence and without the fault of the concerned, otherwise at the risque of said town: that is to say, if the same can be spared from New York consistent with their own safety.

Voted also, That an order be given by his Honor for the selectmen of New Haven to receive 100 of the Colony arms, made agreeable to act of Assembly in the counties of New Haven or Litchfield, to be improved at present for the safety and defence of said town and returned or disposed according to order of said Assembly or this Committee.

And as to the other matters requested by said town, this Coun-

cil are of opinion they ought to be referred to the Honble General Assembly of this Colony. *Copy given.*

Letters were now received by the Governor containing accounts of the Pennites from about the west branch of Susquehanna were about to come armed, about 500, to cut and drive off the Connecticut settlers from Wyoming &c. The matter discoursed, and considered as having a most dangerous tendency &c. to break the union of the Colonies &c., and probably the plan concerted by enemies with that view; and the Governor desired to write the [53] Congress &c. about the ‖ matter, and endeavor to have the matter healed and each side remain quiet in their own limits, &c.

A letter prepared and approved to the committee at Hartford appointed to take care of prisoners, informing them of those coming from Chamblee &c. and advising them to distribute them in the several towns in Litchfield county, *viz.* Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, &c., keeping families together &c.

On motion by the Governor at the request of Leonard Dussau, (who is waiting,) agreed that he may have liberty to purchase a vessel in this Colony, to transport a cargo of lumber in to the French West Indies, for which he had liberty from the last General Assembly.

And sundry letters prepared &c.

And this meeting was dismissed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, WEDNESDAY 22D NOVEMBER, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Sam^{ll} Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^{ll} Wales,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West, and
Benja. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

His Honor laid before us many letters and answers from the Congress, Genl Washington, Gen. Schuyler &c.

Dr. Church having arrived in this town yesterday, sent by Genl Washington, under guard of Cap. Putnam, a serjeant and 7

[54] men, ‖ pursuant to a resolve of the General Congress of the following tenor, (inclosed by said general,) *viz:*

Resolved, That Dr. Church be close confined in some secure goal in the Colony of Connecticut, without the use of pen, ink and paper, and that no person be allowed to converse with him, except in the presence and hearing of a magistrate of the town or the sheriff of the county where he shall be confined, and in the English language, until further orders from this or a future Congress.

By order of the Congress. JOHN HANCOCK, *President.*
Attest. CHARLES THOMPSON, Secretary.
Philadelphia 6 Nov. 1775.

And underwritten,

Sir: In consequence of the above resolve, I now transmit to your care Dr. Church, under the guard of Cap. Isr^l Putnam, a serjeant and 7 men. You will please to comply in every particular with the above resolution of Congress.

I am, with great respect, S^r, y^r most h. and ob^t serv^t.

G^o WASHINGTON.

The foregoing being laid before this Board for advice &c., on consideration,

Voted and resolved, That said Dr. Church be committed to and confined and kept in the same manner as ordered by said Congress, in the goal in Norwich in the county of New London, until further orders from said Congress and this Board. (*And order is given out accordingly.*)

On motion and request by letters from the committees of New Haven and Norwalk, and consideration of their circumstances &c.,

[55] *Voted*, That 600 weight of powder be sent to New Haven, to the care of Col. Jona. Fitch &c., and that he send 200 weight of it to the selectmen and committee of inspection at Norwalk, to be considered as Colony stock and subject to the orders of this Board; and that the said powder be taken from Saybrook, where it is lodged for the use of the brig Minerva.

On motion and request from the town of N. Haven &c., on consideration,

Voted and resolved, That the men or companies raised for the protection or defence of said N. Haven, and also those so raised for the defence of N. London, Stonington and Lyme, whose term would expire at the first of December next, be continued to the next session of the General Assembly, or until further orders from this Board.

The Congress of New York being moved and directed by the General Congress, to provide and establish proper and expeditious ways of conveying intelligence, in case of any alarm or invasion &c., by beacons or posts &c., and they moving us to come into similar methods with them &c.,

Voted, That his Honor the Governor be desired to write to and employ sundry proper persons in the western towns of this Colony, to engage and provide proper persons to be in readiness at a minute's warning, to carry any intelligence of alarm or invasion to every proper town and place as occasion may require; and that he be also desired to advise the Honble Congress of N. York of this provision.

Colo. Elderkin having been heretofore appointed &c. laid in his [56] report about fortifying at ‖ the harbour of New London, recommending the same to be done at Mamacock, Winthrop's Point and Groton Hill, stating the circumstances &c. of each.

And thereupon voted, That the men stationed at and for the defence of New London be employed during their continuance in said service in erecting and making proper works of defence in or at the harbour of said N. London, either at Groton Hill, Winthrop's Point, or Mamacock; that is to say, at such one or more of those places as can be best undertaken and completed in this advanced season of the year; under the direction and conduct of Col. Saltonstall, Eb^r^ Ledyard, Esqr, Cap. Jno. Deshon, Mr. Nath^ll^ Shaw jun^r^, and Mr. Park Avery, all of N. London and Groton, and Mr. Josiah Watrous now residing in Windham. That is, the works at Mamacock to be done with the consent of said Mr. Shaw, who owns the soil where &c.

On motion and consideration voted, That his Honor be desired, in the name and behalf of this Council and Colony, to move and request of the Honble Continental Congress, for liberty and order to receive a number not exceeding fifty cannon from 32 to 12 pounders, some brass, if it may be, from St. Johns or any other northern posts, lately fallen into the hands of the continental army, where they can be spared, to be improved for the defence of New London in this Colony, a place and post of great importance for the safety of said Colony, and very capable of defence, and where works are now erecting but cannot be supplied with cannon in [57] any ‖ other way that can be devised; and for any other use for the protection and safety of this Colony.

Voted, That it be recommended to the honorable county court of

New London county, that they immediately cause to be erected and built a proper and sufficient yard or fence round and including the goal or part of it at Norwich, so as effectually to prevent any communication from without with any prisoners committed there, and which is more immediately and especially necessary in order to comply with the requisition of the Honble Continental Congress and Genl Washington, respecting Dr. Church who is now in this town and by order of the Governor and this Council to be committed there. And adjourned.

AT A MEETING AS AFORESAID THE NEXT DAY, 23D NOVEMBER.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Honble D. Govr Griswold,
Jabez Huntington,
Sam^{ll} Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^{ll} Wales, Esq^{rs}.

On motion by the Governor respecting the disposition of the prisoners sending to this Colony from St. Johns,

Voted and ordered, That the committee to take care of prison- [58] ers ‖ be directed to receive said prisoners and distribute them in suitable proportions in the counties of Litchfield, Hartford and Windham, for the present, and that they give the preference as to choice and convenience of situation, if any be, to the officers &c. of the 26th regiment, and especially Maj^{r} Preston; and that they also have regard to the places of assigning mechanicks who may be among the soldiers, so as they may most beneficially employ themselves, and take care that families, if such there be, be not separated; and that said committee use their prudence and caution in placing the officers, so as the least probable inconvenience may arise from their situation.

Moved by Cap. Deshon, that Cap. Niles, of the armed schooner Spy, informs that there is a vessel at Sag Harbour, Long Island, loading with provisions &c., said to be bound to Nantucket without any proper permit, and is suspected to be designed for the use of the ministerial troops, and that he desires direction whether he shall prevent her &c.

Ordered, That a copy of a resolve of the Continental Congress, respecting the exportation of provisions from any of the United Colonies &c., pass'd about the 6th of Nov. inst., be sent to said Niles for his direction.

It being represented that several prisoners from Chamblee or thereabouts, of the inhabitants of Canada, now at Farmington, [59] are ‖ turbulent and disorderly, and refuse to give their parol to abide faithful prisoners, and say they will escape unless imprisoned &c., and it is suspected they wish to be imprisoned, they may complain of hard usage and affect the minds of their Canadian bretheren, &c.,

Agreed and ordered, That the committee for prisoners have and cause to be kept a special and vigilant watch over those persons, so as to prevent their escape, even if some extra expence should be incurr'd thereby, and that they give proper notice of their apprehentions of the designed escape of those persons, describing them &c., to such towns and places as they shall judge expedient, and request that they keep out a vigilant eye to prevent the execution of such design.

And dismissed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1775. AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Esqr.,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^{ll} Wales,
Jed. Elderkin,
Joshua West, and
Benja. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

On motion by Cap. Jona. Welles (present) for directions &c.,

Voted, That the captain and other officers and sailors belonging to the armed vessel lately taken near St. Johns and now at Canaan, [60] be disposed of by the ‖ [committee] for taking care of prisoners in such town or towns in the county of Litchfield as they shall judge most convenient, until further orders from the General Congress or the Governor and this Council.

Copy given.

Voted, That Cap. Wm. Hunter, Lt. Jno. Smith, Dr. Thos. Sundon, Jno. Kent, Wm. Kent, and a servant of said Smith, who were lately taken at St. Johns and sent as prisoners to be quartered in this Colony, be allowed to reside within the town of Wethersfield in this Colony upon their parol of honor not to depart out of said town, until further orders from the Governor and this committee

or from the Continental Congress; and the committee for taking charge of and providing for prisoners are hereby directed to provide for said Cap. Hunter &c. in said Wethersfield in the same manner as others of their rank are provided for. (*Copy given.*)

N. B. Said Lt. and Doctor were present, requesting the same favor &c.

His Honor having received a letter from Gen[l] Washington, informing that a number of soldiers from Gen. Putnam's regiment &c. had deserted the service, challenging their term to be expired &c.; that he had sent after them &c., and much resenting their conduct, and moving that they ought to be made examples of &c.: The subject matter thereof and their conduct was largely discoursed. It seems the opinion that their conduct is very reprehensible and that they are deserters: but considering their term by inlistment was very nearly expired, that it is a critical time about forming a [61] new army, that perhaps it is not so well within our province to deal with them, that the law provides &c., and that the Assembly will probably soon be called &c., and it is best to refer the matter to them, and a letter be wrote to the general expressing these things and our resentment of their conduct, and holding forth the zeal and firmness of the Colony, notwithstanding &c. And a letter was accordingly prepared and considered and submitted to the Governor's correction.

And being night, the meeting was dismissed.

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[523] *Anno Regni Regis Georgii tertii decimo-sexto.**

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA HOLDEN AT NEW HAVEN IN SAID COLONY, BY SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR, ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1775.†

Present:

The Honorable Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*

The Honorable Mathew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, William Sam^{ll} Johnson, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr, Oliver Wolcott, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr, Samuel Huntington, Esqr,
Roger Sherman, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo. John Pitkin, Mr. Benjamin Payne, for Hartford.
Colo. Isaac Lee, Colo. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Capt. Abraham Granger, Capt. John Harmon, for Suffield.
Mr. Daniel Foot, Capt. Peter Bulkley, for Colchester.
Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Colo. Thomas Belding, for Weathersfield.
Mr. Judah Holcomb, Mr. Elisha Graham, for Symsbury.
Mr. Daniel Braynerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Capt. Isaac Pinney, Capt. Samuel Daviss, for Stafford.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Joseph Smith, for Haddam.
Capt. Benja. Buell, Mr. Samuel Gilbert, for Hebron.
Maj^{r} Elijah Fenton, for Willington.
Mr. Benja Trumbull, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Mr. Ichabod Griggs, Capt. James Chamberlin, for Tolland.
Maj^{r} Nath^{ll} Terry, Mr. Nath^{ll} Chapin, for Enfield.
Mr. Hezekiah Spencer, for Somers.

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*This is the last time that the regnal year appears at the head of the records, and the acts of this session are the last which were published under the royal arms.

†The Assembly adjourned on the 28th, at evening. Letter of Gov. Trumbull to Washington, Jan. 1, 1776.

Mr. Titus Hosmer, Doct^r John Dickinson, for Midletown.
Maj^r Roger Newberry, Capt. Henry Allyn, for Windsor.
Capt. Jonathan Wells, Mr. Elijah Hollister, for Glastonbury.
for Chatham.
Mr. Samuel Bishop, Colo. Jonath^n Fitch, for New Haven.
Colo. James Wadsworth, Mr. Daniel Hall, for Durham.
Mr. Samuel Beach, Mr. Oliver Stanly, for Wallingford.
[524] Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brunson, for Waterbury.
Mr. Ephraim Strong, Mr. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Mr. John Burgiss, Mr. Samuel Brown, for Guilford.
Capt. John Holbrook, for Darby.
Capt. Edward Russell, Mr. Daniel Page, for Branford.
Mr. Richard Law, Mr. William Hillhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, for Norwich.
Mr. Hez^h Lane, for Killingworth.
Capt. Benja. Williams, Capt. Justus Buck, for Saybrook.
Maj^r Samuel Selden, Mr. John Lay 2^d, for Lyme.
Mr. Nathaniel Minor, for Stonington.
Mr. Thomas Mumford, Mr. Nathan Gallop, for Groton.
Capt. William Witter, Capt. Joseph Tyler, for Preston.
Mr. Jonathan Sturgiss, Mr. Thadeus Burr, for Fairfield.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Colo. Ichabod Lewiss, for Stratford.
Colo. Thomas Fitch, Doct^r Thadeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Mr. Benja. Weed, Mr. Thomas Youngs, for Stamford.
Colo. John Mead, for Greenwich.
Mr. Samuel Olmsted, Colo. Philip B. Bradley, for Ridgfield.
Capt. Daniel Starr, for Danbury.
Mr. Alexander Stewart, Capt. Dan Towner, for New Fairfield.
Mr. William Hawley, for Redding.
Mr. Oliver Tousey, Mr. Daniel Baldwin, for Newtown.
Mr. Samuel Webb, Mr. Ebenezer Devotion, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, for Lebanon.
Colo. Jabez Fitch, Capt. Benja. Bacon, for Canterbury.
Capt. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Jeremiah Ripley, for Coventry.
Mr. Joshua Dunlap, for Plainfield.
Colo. Ebenezer Williams, for Pomfret.

Capt. Benja. Sumner, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Mr. Simeon Learned, Mr. Benja. Leavins, for Killingley.
Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
Capt. Elisha Child, Maj^r Samuel McLellan, for Woodstock.
Maj^r James Gordon, Mr. Robert Hunter, for Voluntown.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Mr. Abraham Bradley, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
for Torrington.
Mr. John Canfield, Capt. Caleb Jewit, for Sharon.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. David Thomson, for Goshen.
Capt. Samuel Forbs, Mr. Asael Bebee, for Canaan.
Maj^r Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Bordman, for New Milford.
Mr. Edward Rogers, Mr. John Pierce, for Cornwall.
Maj^r Abel Merrell, Capt. Seth Smith, for New Hartford.
Capt. Jethro Hatch, Capt. Justus Sackett, for Kent.
Mr. Josiah Phelps, Capt. John Willson, for Harwington.
for Westmoreland.
Capt. Abiel Camp, Capt. James Bird, for Salisbury.
William Williams, Esqr, Speaker } of the House of Rep-
Richard Law, Esqr, Clerk } resentatives.

[525] An Act for raising and equipping a Body of Minute Men to be held in Readiness for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That one fourth part of the militia of this Colony be forthwith selected by voluntary inlistment, with as many other able bodied effective men not included in any militia roll as are inclined to enlist, to stand in readiness as Minute Men for the defence of this and the rest of the United Colonies.

And that such inlistments may be speedily made, Be it further enacted, That the colonels or chief officers of the respective regiments of militia in this Colony shall forthwith give orders to the captains or chief officers of the several military companies in their regiments, requiring them to call their respective companies together and inlist the fourth part of the same as aforesaid, with such other able bodied effective

men not included in any militia roll as shall voluntarily offer themselves. And said captains or chief officers of said companies shall immediately execute said orders, and make return of their doings to the colonels or chief officers of the respective regiments, and thereupon the field officers of each regiment of militia shall form said men into distinct companies, each consisting of about sixty-eight, rank and file; which companies shall have liberty to choose their own officers, to wit, one captain, two lieutenants and one ensign, four serjeants, one clerk, one drummer, one fifer, and four corporals; and said field officer shall lead such companies to the choice of their commission officers and make return of their choice, with a muster roll of their company, to his Honor the Governor, who on receipt thereof is authorized and desired to commissionate them accordingly.

And be it further enacted, That his Honor the Governor, with the advice of the committee appointed to assist him in the recess of the General Assembly, be and he is hereby authorized and desired, to form said companies into distinct regiments and specially appoint and impower such of the field officers of the regiments of militia for the time being to take command of such new formed regiments as he shall think proper and expedient.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such officers and soldiers shall compleatly equip themselves with arms and ammunition according to law, and shall also provide themselves a good bayonet and knapsack, for which they shall be allowed and paid each one the sum of eight shillings out of the Colony treasury. And the captain of each of said inlisted companies shall procure a drum and fife for the use of his company, for which he shall be paid out of the Colony treasury, and at the expiration of their service shall secure the same for the use of this Colony.

And be it further enacted, That the companies raised and formed as aforesaid shall be called out by their chief officers and meet one half day in each fortnight the three summer months only excepted, either in whole or in such divisions not exceeding four in number as the commission officers

shall direct for military exercise, and shall be subject to the same penalties for absence or misbehaviour as the militia by law are already subject to, which penalties shall be collected by warrant from the chief officers and applied to the use and benefit of said company; and the said officers and soldiers shall be allowed and paid out of the public treasury for each half day they shall meet and exercise as follows, *viz:* a captain three shillings, a lieutenant two shillings, an ensign one shilling and six pence, a serjeant and clerk one shilling and three pence each, and each corporal, fifer, drummer and private soldier one shilling.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officers and soldiers of the regiments and companies raised and formed as aforesaid shall hold themselves in constant readiness to march on the shortest notice for the defence of this or any other of the United Colonies in obedience to the orders of the Captain-General of this Colony or other their superior officer, and when they are so called out into actual service shall have and receive like wages and billeting allowance, and be subject to the same laws and regulations, as those to which the officers and soldiers already raised and inlisted for the defence of this Colony by order of the General Assembly are entituled or subjected.

And be it further enacted, That the regiments and companies raised and formed as aforesaid shall be exempted from military duty in any other regiment or company, and shall continue to be held under the aforesaid regulations during the pleasure of the General Assembly, not exceeding twelve months from and after the first day of January next, and shall then be disbanded and returned into the regiments and companies of militia to which they respectively belong, and be again subject to military duty therein, said inlistment notwithstanding.

Always provided, That no officer or soldier inlisted and liable to do duty as aforesaid shall be intituled to have or receive the sum or sums granted to said officers and soldiers for their service as aforesaid until he or they shall compleatly arm themselves as is hereinbefore directed and ordered; anything herein contained notwithstanding.

And it is further provided, That the provisions of this act shall not extend to include or affect the 24th regiment of militia in this Colony.

[526] An Act for encouraging the Manufactures of Salt Petre and Gun Powder.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there shall be given and paid out of the Colony treasury a premium or bounty of ten pounds for every hundred pounds weight of good and merchantable salt petre or nitre that shall be made and manufactured in this Colony between the first day of June 1776 and the first day of January 1777, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser quantity: Always provided, That in case any proprietor of salt petre works or manufacturer of salt petre shall, upon application and request made to him by any person or persons, neglect or refuse to communicate a full account of the materials out of which and the process by which such salt petre or nitre is made, such proprietor or manufacturer shall not be entituled to have or receive the aforesaid bounty or premium for any salt petre or nitre he shall make; anything herein contained notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted, That a suitable number of inspectors of salt petre or nitre be appointed by the General Assembly, and that the claimants of the premium or bounty given by this or any former act for the manufacture of salt petre or nitre shall procure the salt petre or nitre by them made to be inspected by one or more of said inspectors, and shall also make oath before such inspector, which oath such inspector is hereby enabled to administer, that such salt petre or nitre was made and manufactured in this Colony out of materials collected therein by him or them, or for his or their account, and that no other certificate hath been had or given for the same; and thereupon said inspector shall give to the claimant or claimants a certificate of the quantity and quality of such salt petre or nitre, and that proof hath been made as aforesaid that the same was manufactured in this Colony by such claimant or claimants; which certificate

being laid before the Committee of the Pay-Table, they shall draw an order on the Colony Treasurer to pay such claimant or claimants the amount of the aforesaid bounty or premium on such nitre or salt petre out of the Colony treasury and charge the same to the Colony's account, who shall accept and pay such order accordingly.

Be it also enacted, That every town in this Colony, which hath and doth send Representatives to the General Assembly, in which salt petre or nitre works are not or shall not be erected and the manufacture of salt petre is not or shall not be carried on by some private person or persons, shall be and are hereby enjoined as soon as may be to erect one set of such works and carry on the manufacture of nitre or salt petre in the same; and that it shall be the duty of the selectmen of each town in this Colony, and they are hereby authorized and enjoined, at the expence and for the benefit of said town, to cause such works to be erected and said manufacture to be carried on in the same accordingly.

Be it also enacted, That no salt petre, nitre or gun-powder made and manufactured, or that shall be made and manufactured in this Colony, shall be exported out of the same by land or water without the licence of the General Assembly or his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety, under the penalty of twenty pounds for every hundred weight of such salt petre, nitre or gun-powder, and proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity so without licence exported; to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any court of record in this Colony by law proper to take cognizance thereof.

And whereas it is necessary that two powder-mills be immediately erected in this Colony for manufacturing gun-powder,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a bounty or premium of thirty pounds shall be paid out of the Colony treasury to the person or persons who shall erect the first powder-mill in this Colony, and shall make and manufacture therein five hundred pounds weight of good and merchantable gun-powder; also that a bounty or premium

of thirty pounds shall be paid out of the Colony treasury to the person or persons who shall erect the second powder-mill in this Colony and make or manufacture therein five hundred pounds weight of good and merchantable gun-powder.

Be it further enacted, That the inspector or inspectors who shall inspect and give a certificate for any quantity of salt petre, as before directed, shall purchase and receive such salt petre for the Colony's use and benefit, and give his or their receipt therefor to the claimant or claimants, who shall be paid therefor out of the Colony treasury at such price as the General Assembly shall ascertain and affix.

And whereas it is expedient that powder-mills should be so situated as to accommodate the public in the best manner,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no powder-mill shall be erected in this Colony for the manufacture of gun-powder without the licence of the General Assembly, or in their recess of the Governor and Council, first had and obtained, under the penalty of thirty pounds for every such offence, to be recovered as the other foregoing penalties in this act are above directed to be recovered.

An Act for restraining and punishing Persons who are inimical to the Liberties of this and the Rest of the United Colonies, and for directing Proceedings therein.

[527] *Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That if any person within this Colony shall directly or indirectly supply the ministerial army or navy with provisions, military or naval stores, or shall give any intelligence to the officers, soldiers or mariners belonging to said army or navy, or shall inlist or procure any others to inlist into the service of said army or navy, or shall take up arms against this or either of the United Colonies, or shall undertake to pilot any of the vessels belonging to said navy, or in any other ways shall aid or assist them, and be thereof duly convicted before the superior court, shall forfeit all his estate, which shall be accordingly seized by order of said court for the use of this Colony; and such person shall be further punished by imprisonment in any of the goals in this Colony

at the discretion of said court, for a term not exceeding three years.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person by writing or speaking, or by any overt act, shall libel or defame any of the resolves of the Honorable Congress of the United Colonies, or the acts and proceedings of the General Assembly of this Colony, made or which hereafter shall be made for the defence or security of the rights and privileges of the same, and be thereof duly convicted before the superior court, shall be disarmed and not allowed to have or keep any arms, and rendered incapable to hold or serve in any office civil or military, and shall be further punished either by fine, imprisonment, or disfranchisement, or find surety of the peace and good behaviour, as said court shall order, and shall pay the cost of prosecution.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That on complaint being made to the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection of the respective towns in this Colony against any person or persons dwelling or residing in such town, or any adjoining town in the same county where there is not a committee of inspection, that he or they are inimical to the liberties of this Colony and the other United Colonies in America, it shall be the duty of such civil authority, selectmen and committee, to cause every such person or persons to appear before them to be examined, and if on examination they shall not be able to satisfy the said authority, selectmen and committee, or the major part of them, that they are not inimical to this or the other United American Colonies, then such person or persons shall be by order of said authority, selectmen and committee, or the major part of them, disarmed and not allowed to have or keep any arms until they shall satisfy said authority, selectmen and committee, or the major part of them, that such person or persons are friendly to this and the other United Colonies.

And for the more effectual carrying into execution this act according to the true intent and meaning thereof,

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when any person shall be duly convicted and ordered to be dis-

armed as aforesaid, the superior court, or civil authority, selectmen and committee aforesaid, as the case may happen, are hereby impowered and fully authorized to issue a warrant, signed by the clerk of the superior court or by one or more of the said civil authority, directed to the sheriff of the county, his deputy, or to the constables of the town wherein such person or persons dwell, directing and ordering such officer forthwith to disarm such person or persons; and in case he or they shall refuse to resign up his or their arms, said officer by and with the advice of any one Assistant and justice of the peace, or two justices of the peace, is hereby authorized to raise the militia of the county, or so many of them as they shall judge needful, for the purpose of carrying into execution such warrant; and all military officers and soldiers, being duly required, who shall neglect or refuse to obey the command of such sheriff, his deputy, or constable, shall be subject to the same penalty as by law is provided for commission officers and soldiers who refuse to obey the sheriff in the execution of his office. And all informing officers are directed to enquire after and due presentment make of all the breaches of the foregoing paragraphs of this act.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That on information being made to any of the county courts within this Colony by the selectmen of any towns, or the major part of them, that there are real estates in such town belonging to any person or persons who have since the making of this act put, or shall continue to hold and screen themselves under the protection of the ministerial army or navy, or have aided or assisted in carrying into execution the present ministerial measures against America, such county court within the county wherein such estate lyeth are hereby authorized and impowered to issue a warrant to attach such estate; an attested copy thereof with the officer's doings thereon shall be left at the last usual place of abode of such person or persons, if within this Colony, at least twelve days before the sitting of the next county court in such county; and if on enquiry by said court said information shall be found true, said court are directed to order said estate so

attached to be held under the care of such person or persons as said court shall appoint, who shall improve said estate or estates for the use of this Colony and be accountable for the rents and profits thereof.

[528] An Act in Addition to an Act entituled An Act relating to Escheats and other Estates belonging to and recovered for the Use of the Public Treasury of this Colony.

Whereas in and by said act the Treasurer of this Colony is impowered and required to make sale of all escheats, as also of all lands that are or shall be recovered of any person or persons to the public treasury, by public vendue only, which in some cases is found to be inconvenient and attended with a needless expence:

Therefore be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Treasurer of this Colony be impowered and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of such lands as aforesaid either by public vendue, or by apprizement made by three judicious freeholders under oath, or private sale, as he shall judge may conduce most to the benefit of this Colony, and pass deed or deeds accordingly.

Whereas this Assembly in May, 1769, did establish and order that the military exercise called the Norfolk Militia Exercise should be used and practiced by the militia of this Colony for the future: And whereas the continental army have adopted the military exercise usually called the Manual Exercise as ordered by his Majesty in the year 1764, which is esteemed preferable in many respects to the said Norfolk Militia Exercise, for the purpose of preparing the soldiery for real service: Resolved by this Assembly, that for the future the military exercise called the Manual Exercise ordered by his Majesty in 1764 shall be observed and practiced by the militia in this Colony, and that the colonels or chief commanding officer of the respective regiments in this Colony do give orders to the commanding officers of each military company under their command, that they conform themselves thereto as soon as conveniently may be; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this Colony entituled An Act for the Punishment of Deserters.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That if any soldier or mariner regularly inlisted into, taken or retained in the service of this Colony, or of this and the rest of the United Colonies, who shall depart without licence of his commander, or that shall desert said service and shall escape into or be within this Colony, it shall be the duty of any and every person that shall be made acquainted therewith, and especially of the constables and grand-jurors in the several towns in this Colony, immediately to give notice thereof to the next Assistant or justice of the peace, who shall by proper warrant under his hand cause such deserter forthwith to be apprehended and committed to the common goal of the county where he shall be taken, and there be secured till he can be returned to his said commander. That if any person shall harbour or conceal any such deserter within this Colony, knowing him to be such, such person shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of this Colony a sum not exceeding fifteen pounds, money, at the discretion of the court that shall have cognizance thereof, or imprisoned not exceeding two months, at the discretion of said court; and that every person that shall be guilty of any breach of this act shall be informed against by the same officers, prosecuted in the same manner, and tryed before the same court mentioned in said law.

Whereas the non-commissioned officers and soldiers belonging to this Colony, who have been employed for the year past in the Continental armies, stand liable and obliged by law to pay taxes for their respective polls: yet considering the fatigues and importance of the service, and being desirous to encourage the future service, and to show some gratuitous token of approbation to those who have behaved well and served out faithfully the stipulated time by them entered into,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That those non-commissioned officers and soldiers who have faithfully discharged their respective duties as soldiers during the campaign that is past shall be exempted from paying any taxes arising on their respective polls in the list given in for the year 1775; and that those who have [529] already || inlisted or shall hereafter inlist into the Continental army for the ensuing campaign shall be exempted from paying taxes on their polls in the list to be given in for the year 1776; and that the persons of such as shall so inlist or have already inlisted be exempt from arrests for debt until the term of their service is expired.

An Act impowering the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army or Officers commanding a Detachment or Outposts &c. to administer an Oath.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Commander-in-Chief of the army raised or to be raised by this and the rest of the United Colonies, or any officer in the service of the said United Colonies commanding any detachment or out-post, shall have power and authority to administer an oath and swear any person or persons to the truth of any information or intelligence, or any other matters relative to the public service.

An Act for altering and further ascertaining the Bounds and Limits of the Town of Westmoreland in this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the town of Westmoreland in this Colony shall be bounded east by the river Delaware, south by a line of latitude just forty-one degrees north from the equator, and extend west on said line to the termination of fifteen English miles west of the east branch of the river Susquehannah, from thence to run northerly a straight line to the forks of the river Tioga, and continuing the same course to the north line of this Colony, which shall be the west line of said town

and of the county of Litchfield. And said town is bounded north by the north line of this Colony as described in the charter from King Charles the second, bearing date the 23d day of April 1662.

And whereas part of the land contained in said charter to this Colony is claimed by the Proprietors of the Colony of Pensylvania by virtue of a grant from King Charles the second made subsequent to the grant to the Governor and Company of this Colony, and a number of persons are settled on part of said lands under said claim, and also numbers of persons are settled on other parts of said disputed territory under the title of this Colony, which are included within said town of Westmoreland; and in order to preserve the peace of said inhabitants, and harmony and friendship between the Colonies, pursuant to the advice of the Honble Congress of the United Colonies, until the controversy concerning the title of said lands can be settled and determined, either by an amicable agreement or some competent judicature,

It is resolved by this Assembly, That all the present inhabitants on said disputed territory shall remain quiet in their present possessions, without molestation from any person or persons under the jurisdiction of this Colony: provided they behave themselves peacibly toward the inhabitants settled under the claim of this Colony; and provided the persons belonging to this Colony who have been lately apprehended on said lands by some of the people of Pensylvania be released and all the effects, as well of those who have been already released as those now in custody, be restored to them. And all persons are hereby strictly forbid making any further settlements on said lands without special licence from this Assembly, or giving any interruption or disturbance to any persons already settled thereon. This temporary provision to remain in force during the pleasure of this Assembly, and shall not affect or prejudice the legal title of this Colony or of any particular persons to any of said lands in controversy.

Resolved by this Assembly, That for the future the Delegates of this Colony who shall be appointed to attend the General Congress of the United Colonies of America shall be annually chosen by this Assembly at their session in October; and such of said Delegates who shall be directed to attend shall on the first day of January next after their being elected as aforesaid attend said Congress, if then sitting: Always provided, that if it shall so happen that said new chosen Delegates shall not arrive at the place where said Congress be then sitting, that the Delegates then attending at said Congress in behalf of this Colony do continue to sit and act until said new elected Delegates shall arrive and take their seats in said Congress.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen for the time being of each town in this Colony be and they are hereby appointed Inspectors of Nitre or Salt petre made and [530] manufactured in this Colony, with all the power and || authority given to inspectors of salt petre in and by an act of this Assembly intituled An act for encouraging the manufactures of salt petre and gun-powder; which salt petre or nitre shall from time to time be delivered to such person or persons as his Honor the Governor and the Committee of Safety shall appoint to receive the same, and cause it to be manufactured into powder for the use of the Colony.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Mr. Titus Hosmer, Mr. Ephraim Strong, Capt. John Holbrook, Colo. Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, and Doct^{r} John Dickinson, be a committee to examine where any mines or mineral substances containing sulphur may be found within this Colony, and procure proper experienced workmen to separate the sulphur from its ore, and make experiments on such ores so as to be able to form a judgment what will be the expence of manufacturing sulphur, and whether it will be practicable to carry on that manufacture to any advantage, and make report to the next sessions of the General Assembly, or to his Honor the Governor in case they shall be prepared to make report before such ses-

sion of Assembly. And in case report shall be made by said committee to the Governor, his Honor the Governor with the advice of his Council of Safety is impowered to give orders to such committee to proceed in manufacturing sulphur for the use and at the expence of this Colony, and to impower said committee to receive of the Treasurer such sums of money as shall by them be judged necessary to be used for carrying on said manufacture to the best advantage.

Resolved, That a brigantine owned by Capt. John Griggs be purchased for the use of this Colony, to be fitted and improved as an armed vessel for the defence thereof; * and that Col. David Waterbury be a committee to purchase the said brigantine and appurtenances, at a price not exceeding one thousand pounds, taking an inventory of the appurtenances belonging to said brigantine and a bill of sale thereof to the Governor and Company of this Colony; and that he make report thereof to this Assembly; and in case the said Colo. Waterbury shall purchase said brigantine, that with all convenient dispatch he proceed with her to the port of New Haven.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. David Waterbury and Capt. Isaac Sears be impowered and directed to enquire, view, examine and find out some suitable vessel to be improved for an armed vessel in defence of this Colony, and what terms such an one may be either purchased or chartered, with their judgment, estimate and opinion thereon, and report make to this Assembly at their present sessions.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. David Waterbury and Capt. Isaac Sears be a committee to view and examine a certain brigantine belonging to Capt. John Griggs, at Green-

* Col. Waterbury and Capt. Sears, appointed a committee to view and examine this brig, reported that she was a new vessel which had made but one voyage to the West Indies; that her hull was well built and calculated for a privateer; her measurement was 62 feet keel, 23 feet beam, and 11 feet in the hold. She would well mount 16 six-pounders and 24 swivels. After her purchase, her name was changed to the *Defence*. *Rev. War*, i, 367; *Id.* ix, 52.

wich, and find whether said brigantine in their opinion and judgment is fit to be improved for an armed vessel for defence of this Colony, find the terms she may be purchased or chartered, and report accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the troops now stationed on the sea coast of this Colony by order of the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby continued for the defence thereof. That the battery of Groton be furnished with six cannon, thirty-two pounders, or in lieu thereof six twenty-four pounders; and that the battery at Stonington be supplied with six cannon, two eighteen and four twelve pounders; and that the battery at New Haven be supplied with sixteen cannon, *viz:* six eighteen and ten twelve pounders; and that the harbour of Milford be supplied with six of the cannon now at New Haven, if to be obtained.

And it is further resolved by the authority aforesaid, That the Governor and his Council of Safety be authorized and impowered to supply the batteries with said cannon and suitable ammunition from time to time as they shall find necessary and expedient: Provided nevertheless, that the Governor and his Council of Safety be and they are hereby impowered to augment, disband or discharge any or all of the troops now stationed on the sea coast from time to time, and under such regulations as they shall judge expedient; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

[531] *Resolved*, That Capt. Giles Hall, commander of the brigantine Minerva, now in the Colony's service, be directed and he is hereby directed and ordered, forthwith to deliver to Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, at New Haven, all the guns and warlike stores now on board said brigantine; and having so done, he is further directed to dismiss as many hands as he shall think proper, reserving a sufficient number to sail said brigantine into Connecticut River, and proceed with her with all possible dispatch to Rocky Hill, and deliver her to the owner according to charter party. And in case he should be prevented by ice in the river, he is to lay said vessel in

the most convenient and safe place and to discharge the hands, reserving only a sufficient number to take proper care of said vessel, and make return to his Honor the Governor and Council of War of his proceedings, and make up his portledge bill and muster roll and lay the same before the Committee of the Pay-Table for adjustment and payment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That one armed vessel in addition to those already ordered or provided, and also four row-gallies, be built or otherwise procured, suitably manned, armed and equipp'd for the defence of this and the neighbouring Colonies, under the direction of his Honor the Governor and the Council appointed to assist him in the recess of the Assembly, who are hereby authorized and fully impowered to perform said service as soon as may be.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the colonel of each regiment of militia in this Colony, excepting the twenty-fourth regiment, or in his absence the chief officer in the regiment, be and they are hereby ordered and directed, as soon as may be or at the time of inlisting minute men, to cause the arms and ammunition of all the militia under their command to be viewed and examined, and take an account thereof, and also take an account of the ammunition now remaining in the several town stocks in their respective regiments, together with an exact account of the several sorts and quantity of ammunition that each town hath supplied or delivered out of their town stocks for the use of the troops in the Continental service; and also an account of the number of companies and troops in their respective regiments, with the names of the commission officers and the number of men in each; and forthwith make return thereof to the Captain General.

Resolved by this Assembly, That William Sam[ll] Johnson, Esq[r], for the counties of Fairfield and Litchfield, Titus Hosmer, Esq[r], for the county of Hartford, Samuel Bishop, Esq[r], for the county of New Haven, and Nathaniel Minor, Esq[r], for the counties of New London and Windham, be appointed and they are hereby appointed, to procure a just and well authen-

ticated account of the hostilities committed by the ministerial troops or navy whereby any damage has been done to the property of any person or persons in this Colony since March last, together with the proper evidence of the facts related, the number and value of the vessels, either inward or outward bound, which have been seized by them since that period, and as near as may be their value with their cargoes on board when taken, and make return thereof to his Honor the Governor, to enable him to make proper return to the committee of the Hon^{bl} Continental Congress, agreeable to a resolution of said Congress.

Resolved by this Assembly, That a chaplain be by his Honor the Governor appointed to each of the regiments from this Colony in the Continental service, who shall receive the same wages as have been given to the chaplains in the last campaign; and as a further encouragement, this Assembly grants to each of such chaplains so in future to be employed the sum of forty shillings per month during their continuance in said service, to enable them to supply their respective pulpits in their absence.

Upon the information and complaint of Andrew Adams, Esqr, Attorney of our Lord the King for the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that Benjamin Kilborn, of Litchfield in said county of Litchfield, who is a lieutenant in the first military company or trainband in said Litchfield, did at said Litchfield at sundry times between the first day of November last and the date of said complaint utter and declare, that he wished there were ten hundred thousand regular troops now landed in the Colony, and that he would immediately join with them in order to subdue the Americans who were in a state of rebellion; that the commanding officer who fired upon the town of Falmouth treated the inhabitants of said town too mildly and gently, and much more so than he would have done if he had had the command; that he was determined to join the regulars and would kill some of the inhabitants of said Colony; and that he, the said Benja-

min, has during the whole time aforesaid publickly affirmed and declared, that the late oppressive measures of the British administration respecting America were constitutional and right, and that he would willingly join in enforcing the same; [532] and || that the conduct of the United Colonies in America were unconstitutional and rebellious &c.; praying advice in the premises, as per complaint on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Benjamin Kilborn be and he is hereby cashiered of his said office; and the captain of said company is hereby directed to lead them to the choice of a lieutenant in the room and stead of him, the said Benjamin, and such other commission officers as may be wanted, and make return to the next session of this Assembly. And it is further resolved, that the said complainant be and he is hereby directed to prosecute the said Benjamin Kilborn in law for his said offences.

Whereas upon the memorial and representation of the town of Mansfield against Capt. Hezekiah Bissell of Windham, preferred to this Assembly at their sessions in October last, it was resolved by said Assembly in October that the Secretary should serve said Bissell with a copy of said memorial or representation, to notify him to appear and answer thereto at the next session &c., and said Bissell not being notified as aforesaid for want of time: It is now resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to serve the said Bissell with a copy of said memorial or representation and notify him to appear before the General Assembly at their sessions in May next, to answer thereto; and also that the Secretary send out a citation or summons to the witnesses to appear before the Assembly at their sessions in May next, to testify what they know in support of said memorial.

Upon the memorial of William Pitkin and George Pitkin of Hartford, representing to this Assembly that they are owners of a convenient stream and place for erecting a mill for manufacturing gun-powder, about three miles east of Con-

necticut River in the town of Hartford; praying liberty to erect such powder-mill, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and licence is hereby granted them, to erect such mill at such place for the purpose aforesaid.

Upon the information of Peter Bulkley, Esqr, of Colchester, against Henry Champion, Esqr, of said Colchester, preferred to this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to cause the said Henry Champion, Esqr, to be served with a copy of said information, and also summon him to appear before the General Assembly at their next sessions to answer unto said information. Also resolved, that the said Peter Bulkley, Esqr, be and he is hereby directed to procure and bring forward the witnesses and other evidence to support and prove the matters in his said information alledged and complained of.

Whereas William Livingston, now a prisoner in the prison of New-Gate, who was sentenced to imprisonment there for the crime of horse-stealing, of which crime he has been duly convicted and is now held in safe custody in said prison for a time not yet expired: And whereas the said William since his imprisonment has behaved himself well and has refused to join with the other prisoners confined in said prison when they have behaved themselves ill, and when several prisoners made their escape from said prison and he had an opportunity to do the same wholly refused and continued a voluntary prisoner, has shewn signs of penitence and remorse, and implores the mercy of this Assembly: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said William Livingston be and he is released from his said imprisonment during the pleasure of this Assembly. Always provided, that the said William for the term of three years from the rising of this Assembly doth pay annually to the Treasurer of this Colony the sum of five pounds, lawful money, for the cost of his prosecution, and also be of peacible and good behaviour towards all his Majesty's subjects, or in default thereof he shall be remanded

to said prison and there confined during the residue of the term for and during which he is sentenced to be held and confined in said prison; anything in the aforesaid resolve notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the superior court of this Colony which now stands adjourned in the county of Hartford to the last Tuesday of December 1775, be and the same is hereby further adjourned to the first Tuesday of January 1776, to be then held at Hartford; and that all actions and matters depending in said court shall be carried forward and proceed at said adjournment, and that all parties concerned take notice thereof, and that the sheriff of the county of Hartford is hereby ordered and directed to publish the same accordingly.

[533] This Assembly do establish Isaac Beecher to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Smith junr to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Candy to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Middlebrooks to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Nichols to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Gregory to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Betts to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Olcott to be Captain of

the 10th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Alexander Kinny to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Wheat to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Elliss to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Edgerton to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Curtiss to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Porter 2d to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Scott to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Lankton to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Wright to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Webb to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ozias Marvin to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gamaliel Taylor to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Mathew Cole to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Norton jun^r to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Cole jun^r to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Beacher to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

[534] This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Lewiss to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ichabod Fairman to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Treat to be Captain of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Enoch Woodruff to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Hotchkiss to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Linsley to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John McCall to be Captain of the company or trainband named the Veteran Guards in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Huntington to be Lieutenant of the company or trainband named the Veteran Guards in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Johnson jun^r to be Ensign of the company or trainband named the Veteran Guards in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hubbard Burrows to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Groton.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Wells to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Groton.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Crary junr to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the town of Groton.

Upon the memorial of the town of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that the burthen of repairing highways according to the directions of the law now in force falls very unequal upon the inhabitants of said town; praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town, during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of New Haven have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town, and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for repairing the highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered, by their selectmen or a committee chosen by said town annually or from time to time as occasion may require, to divide the highways in said town into districts, and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained; and any Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such [535] surveyor to levy and collect such taxes || arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts, in the

same manner and form as other town taxes are collected; and every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors; and all surplus of such monies as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired, shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of New Haven during the pleasure of this Assembly. And in case said town of New Haven shall neglect to practice thereon, then the same shall not be construed as to said town to alter or in any way affect the general laws of this Colony respecting the repairs of highways as the same now stand.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of New Haven, representing that John Hill hath been supported as one of the poor in said town, and that there hath been paid out of the town treasury for his support the sum of sixty pounds, and that no part of said sum hath been paid unto said town by said Hill or any other person, and the said Hill being the owner of about twelve acres of land; praying for liberty to sell said land or such part thereof as shall be sufficient to pay said sum, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to make sale of said land, or such part thereof as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of sale, and the money raised by the sale thereof to be paid into the treasury of said town for the use of said town, to reimburse said town for the sum paid as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Bolton, shewing to this Assembly that the inhabitants of said town are at great expence in mending and repairing the highways in said town besides the necessary labour, and that they are really of opinion that if the expence of repairing and mending highways in said town was done by tax upon the inhabitants of said town the burthen thereof would fall more equally upon the inhabitants and the roads or highways in said town be kept in better repair, and therein praying liberty to mend and repair the highways in said town by tax to be raised yearly on the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, and that the same be collected and appropriated to the use aforesaid, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the inhabitants of the said town of Bolton have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to them in town meeting legally warned and assembled, to grant a tax to be raised on the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants yearly, for the purpose of mending and repairing the highways in said town, and that they have liberty to choose a collector or collectors for that purpose, and that he or they have the same power and authority as other collectors of taxes by law have, and be under the same regulations as other collectors of taxes are by law; and that the mending and repairing said highways, the payments of said taxes, and the disposition of the monies arising on said taxes, be under the directions of the inhabitants of said town in town meeting.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Odell, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, administrator of the estate of Samuel Odell, Esqr, late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against the estate of said deceas'd allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield, with an allowance to the widow of said deceas'd for necessaries, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £319 2 0, L. money; praying for liberty to make sale of real estate &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and

authority is hereby granted him, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with the incident charges arising on said sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Voluntown, shewing to this Assembly that the burthen of repairing highways according to the direction of the law as it now stands falls very unequally upon the inhabitants of [536] said || town; praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Voluntown have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town of Voluntown in town meeting legally warned and assembled, to grant a tax to be raised on the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants yearly, for the purpose of mending and repairing the highways in said town; and that they have liberty to choose a collector or collectors for that purpose; and that he or they have the same power and authority as other collectors of taxes by law have, and be under the same regulations as other collectors of taxes are by law; and that the mending and repairing said highways, the payment of said taxes, and the distribution of said monies arising by said taxes, be under the direction of the inhabitants of said town in town meeting.

Upon the memorial of David Hawley of Stratford, shewing to this Assembly that on the fourth of September last past he sailed on a voyage to the West Indies with a small cargo on board, in order to purchase a cargo of gun-powder if it was possible to obtain it, if not then to invest the net proceeds of his cargo in salt and sugar, all pursuant to and in consequence of the advice of the committees of inspection in the towns of Fairfield and Stratford; and that on Tuesday last he returned from said voyage, and that he had been to several of the foreign West India islands, and that all that was

in his power to purchase was only one hundred weight of gun powder, and that with the rest of his cargo he purchased 1305 bushels of salt and 18 hogsheads of sugar, and made a contract to be supplied with a cargo of gunpowder if he should be permitted to go a second voyage after it, and then returned; and that on his return he found that his Honour the Governor's proclamation for continuing the first embargo, which expired a few days before he sailed to the West Indies, arrived at Fairfield the day after he sailed, but that he heard nothing of it until his return, although he finds now that it had been issued several days before it arrived at Fairfield; and that although he had it not in his heart to disobey the laws of his country, he fears he is liable to a prosecution on the matters aforesaid, and thereupon prays that he may be exempted from any prosecution or punishment on account of said voyage, and that he may be directed in the disposal of said powder, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby exempted and freed from any prosecution or punishment for or on account of said voyage; and that the memorialist shall and do dispose of said powder equally between the towns of Fairfield and Stratford.

Upon the memorial of Adam Babcock of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he has a brigantine sold to a person in North Carolina; praying for liberty to export 5000 pounds weight of cheese in part to defray the expence of a voyage to recover his effects, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and he is hereby permitted, to export to said North Carolina five thousand pounds weight of cheese, in order that he may procure a quantity of rice for the use of the army.

Upon the memorial of Jedidiah Elderkin and Nathaniel Wales jun^r, praying this Assembly to grant to them liberty to erect a mill &c. in the town of Windham for the manufacturing of gun-powder, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and

liberty and licence is hereby granted to them, to erect a powder-mill in the town of Windham for the purpose of manufacturing gun-powder, pursuant to an act of this Assembly directing the building of powder-mills.

Upon the memorial of Aaron Eliott, Esqr, of Killingworth, praying for a further day of payment for the sum of five hundred pounds formerly lent to him by this Assembly, for the reasons therein set forth, as per memorial on file, dated the 21st day of December 1775: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist shall have further time of payment for said sum of five hundred pounds, upon his lodging a bond to and with the Treasurer of this Colony executed by him with a sufficient surety in the penal sum of one thousand pounds, L. money, conditioned for the payment of the principal sum of five hundred pounds with the lawful interest thereof from the time the same became payable to the Colony until paid, to be paid within two years from the first day of the sessions of this Assembly; and upon his delivering such bond to the Colony Treasurer and paying the cost of the suit brought against him and his surety by the Treasurer, that said suit shall cease and be no further prosecuted.

[537] The Sums Total of the Lists of the Polls and Rateable Estate of the several Towns in this Colony for the Year 1775, as returned to this Assembly, viz:

Hartford,	£51006	17*s.*	5*d.*	Fairfield,	£51472	5*s.*	1*d.*
Windsor,	24993	6	7	Stratford,	52262	0	0
Symsbury,	34965	18	0	Redding,	14741	5	9½
East Windsor,	28047	16	7	Greenwich,	23456	6	10
Glastonbury,	19724	11	0	Stamford,	34663	12	10
Suffield,	21136	4	0	Danbury,	30735	2	7
Weathersfield,	33880	1	7½	Ridgfield,	17299	9	7
Midletown,	43551	7	0	Norwalk,	44107	7	9
Willington,	9460	1	6	New Town,	22935	9	1
Tolland,	14365	5	0	New Fairfield,	13783	7	9
Haddam,	16543	18	7	Windham,	32382	15	10
Bolton,	10866	3	6	Lebanon,	42156	1	3
Somers,	9944	8	0	Canterbury,	19702	3	9
Chatham,	24280	13	0	Pomfret,	28022	2	0
East Hadam,	27762	15	0	Woodstock,	23510	0	0
Colchester,	34094	12	9	Coventry,	21886	3	11

Stafford,	£11436	14s.	0d.	Mansfield,	£23656	8s.	1d.
Enfield,	12858	13	0	Plainfield,	13882	15	6
Farmington,	71582	12	1	Voluntown,	14001	7	0
Hebron,	23656	8	0	Killingley,	29147	13	0
New Haven,	72515	19	6	Ashford,	19420	11	9
Wallingford,	51774	17	2½	Litchfield,	27061	0	0
Durham,	13222	13	11	New Hartford,	10920	17	7
Derby,	19602	14	11	Sharon,	19179	10	0
Branford,	23911	5	11	Salisbury,	16888	18	0
Guilford,	35035	2	7½	Kent,	18476	12	3
Waterbury,	41243	2	9	Woodbury,	63919	0	0
Milford,	29407	8	0	Goshen,	12661	13	0
New London,	35685	1	3	Harwington,	9059	3	0
Norwich,	66452	1	3	New Milford,	29833	13	6
Stonington,	39138	13	1	Torrington,	6464	16	0
Saybrook,	27089	16	3	Cornwall,	10072	0	0
Preston,	2[illegible]479	16	9	Canaan,	15855	7	0
Lyme,	30267	2	5	Westmoreland,	10520	6	0
Killingworth,	21512	18	5	Hartland,	6171	5	3
Groton,	27165	4	3				

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of New Haven, representing that the number of parishes in the town and the increasing business of the selectmen renders it needful that they should have a greater number of selectmen than by law they are allowed to chuse; praying that they may be enabled and impowered annually to chuse such number of selectmen as they should judge needful, not exceeding thirteen: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town be enabled, and they are hereby enabled and impowered at their town meeting annually, to choose such a number of selectmen as they shall judge needful, not exceeding thirteen; any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[538] Upon the memorial of Simeon Rust of Kent, shewing to this Assembly that the Treasurer of this Colony hath recovered a judgment against the memorialist for a debt due to this Colony; praying for a suspension of execution &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Maj^r Samuel Canfield and Ephraim Hubbel jun^r, Esqr, be a committee to receive personal security for the sum of said

judgment and the interest arisen since the rendering said judgment, payable with interest to the Treasurer of this Colony by the first day of April 1777, and upon the memorialist's producing such security to the acceptance of said committee within two months and paying the cost contained in said execution and all cost that hath arisen on account thereof, they are hereby directed and impowered to discharge said judgment or execution, and are ordered to lodge such security with the said Treasurer.

Upon the memorial of the town of Willington, shewing to this Assembly that the burthen of repairing highways in said town, according to the direction of the law as it now stands, falls very unequally on the inhabitants of said town; praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and authority [*be granted*,] and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said town of Willington, to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town of Willington, to raise such sum or sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary to repair all the public roads or highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts in said town for repairing highways, and be improved in such manner as said town shall from time to time direct for the repairing and maintaining the highways in said town. And said town are hereby impowered by their selectmen or a committee chosen by said town annually or from time to time as occasion may require, to divide the highways in said town into districts, and to assign to each surveyor their several proportions of highways to be by them mended and kept in repair, as also to divide from time to time the proportion of money to each surveyor that shall be improved by him for the repair of highways in each district. And any Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized and impowered to issue forth a warrant severally to such surveyors, to collect such sum or sums of money of every person as shall arise in

such district, in the same manner as town taxes are collected; and every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money so collected and improved by him to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereto required after the same becomes payable to such surveyor. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Willington during the pleasure of this Assembly. And in case said town of Willington shall neglect to practice thereon, then and in that case the same shall not be construed to alter or in any wise affect the general laws of this Colony respecting the repairs of highways, as the same now stands. And it is further resolved, that if the money so raised in said town shall be found insufficient to defray the expence of repairing highways in said town, in that case said highways shall be further repaired by force and direction of the law of this Colony; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Abraham Fuller, of Kent in the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that he is overseer of the Indians at Scatacook, and that there has been considerable expence incurred in curing the sickness and wounds of said Indians, as per memorial on file, on which Maj^r Samuel Canfield and Capt. Sherman Boardman were appointed a committee, who have now made their report that said Indians have about 120 acres of land, improved and lying in one common field, that the same was formerly allotted out to each Indian, and therefore can be let out for but little profit, that many of said Indians are now removed and they are reduced to a small number, and that it is advisable that said lands be leased to defray the expence, and that David Sherman, the Indian who wounded his brother, be assigned in service to defray the expence incurred by wounding his brother; which report is accepted and approved: And it is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, that Maj^r Samuel Canfield, Esqr, and Capt. Sherman Boardman be and they are hereby appointed a committee, who are hereby im-

[539] powered to make a new || allotment of said lands to the several Indians, as shall be necessary for their support, and the residue the overseer of said Indians is hereby directed to lease out for the purpose of defraying the expences of said sickness, and the avails thereof over and above after repairing and making necessary fences, said overseer shall render an account to the General Assembly; and that said Samuel Canfield, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed and authorized to assign in service the said David Sherman, for the satisfaction of such part of the expence as has arisen on account of wounding his brother, during such time as shall be necessary for that purpose; and make report of their doings in the premises to this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Anna Morriss, administratrix on the estate of Asa Morriss, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said Asa, deceas'd, in his life time became bound to Resolved Sessions in a bond of £165 0 0, L. money, to make and execute a deed of sale of a certain tract of land and buildings, lying in Woodstock, on the condition that the said Resolved pay or cause to be paid unto the said Asa, deceas'd, the sum of £165 0 0, L. money, which sum the memorialist having fully received, and praying for liberty and authority to make and execute a deed as aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to said memorialist, to make and execute a deed as prayed for in said memorial.

Upon the memorial of Eliphalet Beecher of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he expended large sums in procuring teams &c. in the last war, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Thomas Darling, Esqr, Amos Botsford, Esqr, and Mr. Jeremiah Atwater be and they are hereby appointed a committee to enquire into the matters alledged in said memorial and make report with their opinion thereon to this or the next General Assembly, at the expence of the memorialist.

Upon the memorial of Charles Foot of Colchester, and the rest of the inhabitants of said town, praying for liberty and authority to levy a tax on the polls and rateable estate in said town, for the purpose of mending and repairing the highways and bridges within the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given them, to tax themselves in the manner and for the purpose aforesaid, so long as they shall think best to repair their highways in that manner, or until this Assembly shall order otherwise.

On the memorial of Margaret Carter, of Wallingford in the county of New Haven, administratrix on the estate of Samuel Carter late of said Wallingford, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £53 17 6, L. money; praying that she or some other proper person may be appointed to sell so much of the lands of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £53 17 6, L. money, with the necessary charges thereon arising: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be given, and liberty and authority is hereby given to the memorialist, to sell so much of the lands of said deceas'd as to pay said sums together with the necessary charges thereon arising; she taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Daniel Clifford, of Fairfield in the county of Fairfield, shewing to this Assembly that on or about the 18th day of October last past he owned a small boat of about ten tons burthen, used in the coasting business, on which he had loaded on the second day of said October four bushels of indian corn, and that he being uncertain of the continuance of an embargo, on said 18th day of October proceeded to New York and there sold and disposed of one bushell and an half of said corn to sundry different people and brought back the residue to said Fairfield; that he had no design to contravene the proclamation issued to continue

an embargo, and that a private person had made information to the King's Attorney in Fairfield county, and should he be subject to prosecution it would prove detrimental to his cir- [540] cumstances, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this || Assembly, that said Daniel Clifford be exempted and he is hereby exempted and discharged from all penalties and forfeitures that may be incurred on account of his transporting said corn as aforesaid, said embargo notwithstanding; he paying all cost that may have arisen on said prosecution.

On the memorial of Giles Hall, of Wallingford in New Haven county, administrator on the estate of Jemima Munson of said Wallingford, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £18 18 6, L. money; praying that liberty be given to him or some other proper person, to sell so much of the land of said deceas'd as to pay said sums together with the necessary charges thereon arising: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of the lands of the said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £18 18 6 with the necessary charges thereon arising; he taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New Haven therein.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony advance and pay to the Honble Oliver Wolcott and Samuel Huntington, Esq^rs^, the sum of two hundred pounds, towards defraying the expence of attendance upon the Honble Continental Congress as Delegates from this Colony; taking their receipt therefor to account.

This Assembly is adjourned by proclamation &c. until his Honor the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Teste GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

[61] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. AT NEW HAVEN, FRIDAY 22D DECEMBER, 1775.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Honble D. Govr Griswold,
Jz. Huntington,
Sam^ll Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^ll Wales,
Benja. Huntington.

On motion &c. voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor Cap. Robt Niles of the armed schooner Spy, for the sum of £100, to be by him accounted for on settlement of his account, and in so far payment of the wages &c. of his hands on board said schooner. *And order drawn and delivered him next morning.*

Messrs. Greenough, Fitch and Austin, committee for building field and other carriages for the cannon at N. Haven, by order laid in their account to be adjusted, and there is on examination allowed thereon the sum of £115 8 6¾, for carriages &c. built by [62] order, and exclusive of the expence of building ‖ several of their own motion, before they had any direction about it. (*And order for the sum allow'd drawn and deliver'd Col. Jona. Fitch.*)

Cap. Jos. Thompson, of the company raised for the defence of N. Haven, moves that the season is so far advanced and the weather so severe, that they can be of little or no service in carrying on the works of defence at Black Rock, or for any other purpose &c. And on consideration,

Voted, That said Cap. Thompson and company be discharged from further service on their present establishment: said dismission to take place on the morrow, being 23d.

On motion, voted and granted, That Cap. Thompson be allowed for extra service while on the works at Black Rock, in cold severe weather &c., the sum of 40*s.* per month for 1½ months, *i. e.* three pounds in whole.

Allowed several small bills and accounts laid in by B. Huntington, Esqr, for Cap. Jona. Lester, for building ship-carriages &c., the sum of £8 15 5, in whole. *And 3d Jan. 1776, gave Cap. Lester an order.*

And dismissed.

Met again at N. H. next evening and did several things. Consulted Cap. Sears &c. about Todd's brig &c., and desired him to take care of the brig bo't of Cap. Gregg and coming into N. H. &c., and prepare an estimate of stores &c. for the same, &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
Wm. Williams,
Nathl Wales,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West, and
B. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

Motion by Esq. Chapman made to the Governor about supplying the minute men inlisting at E. Haddam with arms: On discourse and considera [tion] tho't it premature to determine anything about it at present.

Moved to conclude where the 4 row-gallies lately ordered by the Assembly under the direction of said committee shall be built, and on consideration resolved, that one of them be built at Norwich, and one at East Haddam, and tho't proper not now to determine as to the other two.

On a letter and request from Mr. Dean in behalf of the Naval Committee at Congress, requesting that Cap. Niles of the Spy be sent to carry recruits from N. London to Philadelphia, for the navy, it was consider'd, concluded and voted, that we cannot properly and safely permit him to be absent so long, and do not agree to the proposal.

Being informed by letter from Mr. Shaw, that Capt. Hinman has bro't in about two tons of powder for the Colony, procured by him, and landed the same at Bedford, near or in Dartmouth: Voted, that said Shaw be desired to cause said powder to be bro't [64] to Providence and committed to the care of ‖ Gov. Cook ; and that the Governor be desired to write to Govr Cook, to take care of the same till further order. And letter wrote &c. And Mr. Shaw came in and received his directions &c.

On motion that the men on board Cap. Niles have served out

the term for which they engaged, at the 1st of December, and have since been continued by order &c.. and that they appear desirous to be released &c.: Voted and ordered, that said Cap. Niles be directed to raise and inlist 20 men such as he can confide in, to serve on board the schooner Spy for the term of one year, unless sooner discharged, on the following wages, *viz.* for able seamen forty-eight shillings, and for seamen forty shillings per kalendar month. *And copy sent him.*

Voted, That Col. Mott be desired and directed to repair as soon as may be to N. London, Groton and Stonington, and view the works of defence erected and proposed there, and make report to his Honor the Governor as soon as it may be done, with his opinion in and about the premises.*

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[65] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Tuesday 9th January, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr,
Wm. Williams,
Nathl Wales,
Jed. Elderkin,
Joshua West, and
Benja. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

A number of letters to and from sundry persons read &c.

The subject of building or purchasing [a vessel] to be arm'd for defence &c. according to the resolve of the Assembly, in addition to the one lately purchased by order of said Assembly of Cap. Gregg, was considered &c., and on the question, voted, that the vessel to be built or purchased for said purpose be of not less than 200 tons burden.

And then voted, That Benja. Huntington, Esqr, and Cap. Seth Harding be a committee to repair forthwith to Middletown and other towns on the river, and such other places as they shall find necessary, and make dilligent enquiries, whether and where such warlike vessel fit and suitable for the service designed can be purchased and obtained, and how and on what terms and conditions, and also where such vessel can best and most advantageously be

* His report is printed in *American Archives*, 4th Series, iv, 695.

built for that purpose, and by whom and on what terms, and to make report of whatever they may find and judge to be advantageous for promoting said service to the Governor and this Committee as soon as possible. *And copy given.*

And then, on representation to this Board that the iron furnace at Salisbury, belonging to Mr. Richard Smith now in Boston, is in good repair and capable of being improved to great advantage for the public, by manufacturing iron, casting cannon, cannon ball &c.,

On consideration thereof, it is voted and resolved, That Colo. Jed^h Elderkin be and he is hereby appointed a committee to repair forthwith to said furnace and to the iron works of said Smith at [66] Sufferage or higher up, ‖ and find the true state and circumstances of said furnace and how they may be improved for the benefit of the Colony, in either of the ways aforesaid, consult and advise in the best manner he can as to the propriety of immediately improving and fitting said works again for any and either of the purposes aforesaid, and make the best estimate he shall be able, and with his best discretion if he shall find it expedient give proper orders for executing any or either of said designs, and make report of his doings and opinion in the premises.

And he is further instructed to make inquiry after whatever can be collected of the salt petre and sulphur belonging to this Colony, which was sent to the late Judge Livingston's powder-mill at Claremont to be worked into powder, which mill has been blown up. And unless he find said mill rebuilt or in such condition as that said materials are like to be soon worked up, he is directed to cause the same to be returned to this Colony, and also report make. *Copy given to him, and he set off next day.*

An account of Cap. Isaac Sears laid in for sundries supplied the battery &c. at N. Haven, *viz. c.* 17 *q.* 2 cannon ball at 15*s.*, and freight 8*s.* 9*d.* — *c* 9 1*qr.* 21*lb.* refined iron at 28*s.*, and *c.* 3 2*qr.* 6*lb.* bloom do., at 22*s.* &c. — Total £20 0 11, L. M., and the same is allowed, and that an order be given on the Pay-Table for the same. *And is done.*

And adjourned to Thursday 18th inst.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. SPECIALLY CALLED BY HIS HONOR ON THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^{ll} Wales, and
Joshua West, Esq^{rs},
The rest being gone on public business.

The York affair for Genl Lee done &c.*

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[89] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. FRIDAY 26 JANUARY, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^{ll} Wales,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Benja. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

Colo. Burrill and Nathl Buell, appointed † a major in the regiment for Canada &c., were present, wanting several regulations &c. about said regiment; and said Buell, it seems, refuses the berth, because Lt. Col. Mott is put before him &c.

Mr. Stanly with a letter from Col. Lee, about their minute men, wants commissions for their officers, &c.

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* The Governor and Council of Safety at this meeting appointed Col. Waterbury, Lt. Col. Bradley and Major Hobby, field officers for one regiment; Col. Ward, Lt. Col. Lewis and Major Douglas, for another. A proclamation was sent to the two colonels, with orders to raise by voluntary inlistment seven hundred and fifty men for each regiment to join and assist Maj. Gen. Lee, with encouragement that they should be entitled to the same pay etc. allowed the troops before Boston, and to be dismissed soon, when the service would admit. The field officers were to select captains and subalterns. Orders were also given Capt. N es, of the Spy, to be assisting. Sparks, *Letters to Washington*, i, 118; *Am. Archives*, 4th series, iv, 683, 930; *N. Y. Historical Society Collections*, 1871, 238 *et seq.*

† Probably at the unrecorded meeting of Jan. 18, 1776. *Am. Archives*, 4th, iv, 931-2.

Letter wrote in answer, that commissions will soon be sent, but cant be now for the hurry &c., and advising that the minute men may freely inlist into this service and when they return go into the minute service &c.

It appearing by the representation of Col. Burral, that the appointment of Lt. Col. Mott, being remote in the eastern part of the Colony distant from the regiment to which he is appointed, causes great uneasiness and dissatisfaction in that county of Litchfield where the men are to be raised, and is likely to retard and impede the inlisting men, and that it is of great importance to raise and send forward said regiment for the relief of our friends in Canada, and said Lt. Colo. Mott having been apprized of the said uneasiness and the reasons of it, and written to his Honor the Governor his apprehensions that this service may be injured by his holding said commission, and requesting that he may not be held in any situation to the hurt of the service, and generously resigning said commission for those reasons : On consideration thereof it is tho't best to accept said resignation and excuse him from said service; and do thereupon release and excuse said Lt. Col. Mott from the same and appoint Nathaniel Buell of Salisbury, who was before appointed major, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of said regiment, in the room of said Lt. Col. Mott resigned.

[90] A good deal of time yesterday hearing Col. Burrell and Maj. Buell about the affair of fitting out the regiment &c. to Canada.

Saturday 27th January. Letters and resolutions came in from Congress by express, directing &c. in the same matter, for keeping up nine battalions in Canada &c., and that one of them be raised here &c., and commissions sent blank &c., and the whole plan and regulations &c., to consist of 8 companies &c. &c , somewhat differing from our plan, and the matter taken up and considering &c. &c.

Gave order by letter to the Pay-Table, that they must examine and settle the pay-rolls of the officers of the late northern army and pay the balances, taking proper receipts and orders on the paymaster of the northern department for the money to replace in the treasury, in consideration of the great uneasiness of the people who served and claim their pay.

Pass'd an order for Cap. Harding to go to Saybrook and assist in forming the plan of the ship &c., as on paper by itself, and copy sent by B. H. Esqr.

Drafted a proclamation on the Congress plan of raising a bat-

talion &c. for Quebec, and pass'd &c., to be 8 companies, 90 men each, officers included.*

N. B. I † did it in extream pain with tooth ache. Is now dark sometime since, and

Adjourned till Monday next, 9 o'clock A. M.

MONDAY JANUARY 29, MET AGAIN.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
The Hon. M. Griswold, Esqr, P. M.
Jz. Huntington,
W. Williams,
N. Wales,
Jed Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Benja. Huntington, Esq^rs.

[91] Cap. Lester came in from viewing the row-gallies at Philadelphia and also Mr. Winslow from the same view at Providence and reported the construction &c., and shew'd plans, and were consulting about them &c. forenoon.

P. M. The said builders came in, having consulted a plan of building two of said row-gallies, and considered the same; and agreed, that two to be built, one by said Lester, and one by Winslow, shall be 60 feet keel, 18 feet beam, and 5 feet hold, four inches dead rising. And agreed with them, that they as master-builders shall have one dollar per day for themselves, and they employ good workmen at the best and easiest rate they possibly can, and faithfully do and discharge every part of the duty, by their best skill and fidelity.

Cap. Lester moves that he should have some allowance for the use of his yard and tools, and is willing to submit it to our future consideration. And that they may allow their workmen liquor necessary, and as they used to do when they employ'd men for themselves, and that Cap. Lester procure the necessary iron works, and apply as occasion shall be to Col. Huntington and Esq. B. Huntington. And they withdrew.

And Col. Elderkin gave his account and report of the circum-

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* *Am. Archives*, 4th, iv, 933. † William Williams.

stances &c. of the furnaces &c. at Salisbury and the works thereabouts, Colebrook &c., for which he was appointed 9th inst., as p. 65 [224].

Among many other things, that a lot of about 200 acres of land lies near the furnace, with 150 acres of wood upon it and may be bo't in order for coal, and very difficult to get it any other way &c.: On consideration, is voted and agreed, that Cap. Elijah Hyde of Lebanon be appointed to repair to Col. Hamlin and Rev. Mr. Whittelsey, whose ladies are owners of said lands, to know [92] upon what terms said land may be ‖ purchased, or part of it, or how the wood or any part thereof may be had, and to obtain the terms under the hands of those gentlemen and their wives, and make report to this Board.

Sundry regulations relating to arming the people &c., and on the question about making scabbards and belts for the bayonets, for the guns &c. made fixed for the Colony, voted that they ought to be provided.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, 30TH. MET AGAIN, THE SAME AS YESTERDAY.

Col. Saltonstall came in, and the time taken up in considering how and in what manner the fortification at N. London and Groton shall be made and carried on. The subject discoursed &c. &c.

P. M. On application &c., Dr. Robert Usher of Chatham is appointed Surgeon and Physician for Col. Wadsworth's regiment in the recruits raising for Cambridge &c.,* and Dr. Elias Norton Surgeon's Mate for the same regiment.

Dr. Elisha Perkins is appointed Surgeon and Physician for Col.

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* In consequence of a pressing request from General Washington, Jan. 16th, the Council of Safety voted that four regiments, afterwards reduced to three, be forthwith raised in this Colony, each to consist of 728 men, officers included, to serve at the camp near Boston until the first of April. The 1st regiment to be commanded by Col. James Wadsworth, Lt. Col. Comfort Sage, Maj. Dyer Throop; the 2d by Col. Erastus Wolcott, Lt. Col. Fisher Gay, Maj. John Chester; the 3d by Col. John Douglas, Lt. Col. William Danielson, Maj. Thomas Brown. The doings of the session at which this was voted are not recorded, but it was probably January 20th, that being the date of the Governor's proclamation. *Am. Archives*, 4th, iv, 697, 932.

Douglass's regiment in [the] same service, and Dr. Thomas Gray Surgeon's Mate for the same regiment.

And this Board do appoint the Rev[d] John Fuller Chaplain of said Col. Douglass's regiment.

[93] A number of officers came in moving sundry questions about guns, blankets &c. for the recruits &c. And on the question voted, that each officer and soldier or other person supplying a gun and bayonet for the service shall be allowed 1*s.* 6*d.* for the use of it. And each person supplying a blanket be allowed 3*s.* for the use of the same. And if either be lost without any default of the soldier, the owner shall be paid for it, they being both apprized beforehand: if by his default, to be borne by the carrier. That in case any shall not be able and with assistance of their officers, to provide themselves with gun and blanket, the selectmen of the several towns are directed to use their utmost endeavors and speed to procure them, and if they cant be otherwise obtained, that they procure warrants to impress them.

Voted, That an armorer be provided for each regiment.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Col. Porter came in just before, and talked with him about the furnace &c. at Salisbury.

Wednesday, 31 January, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Present the same as yesterday, and also Col. Dyer came in about 10 o'clock.

Capt. Uriah Hayden, present, being sent for &c. to conclude about building the ship for defence &c., and have and do agree, that he shall and he undertakes to build said ship, to be 80 feet keel, 27 feet beam, and 12 feet hold, to have 6*s.* per day for and finding himself, and that he shall employ good and faithful workmen and on the best and easiest terms he possibly can, and discharge every part of the duty with the greatest fidelity, care and dispatch, and is to advise and consult Cap. Harding who is sent [94] for that purpose, or any other person or ‖ persons who may be appointed by this Board, and to attend every direction he may receive from the Governor and this Council about the moulding and manner of building and finishing the same, and keep and render careful and exact accounts of his doings in the premises.

The foregoing agreed to, Signed URIAH HAYDEN.*

Copy given him of the same.

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* Autograph signature.

Agreed with Benja. Williams, Esqr, of Saybrook, that he be employed to do and work all the necessary iron-work for the war-ship Capt Hayden is employed to build, that is to say, all the smith work larger and smaller as low and including deck nails, and the same deliver at said Hayden's ship-yard, at the rate of twenty shillings per hundred weight, and to do the same in good and workmanlike manner, and in good and due season as fast [as] it shall be wanted for its proper use and uses, and to do and perform the whole in good, faithful and upright manner, to be done and wrought of iron to be found and delivered at his shop at or near said yard.

Said Williams agrees to the above,

Signed BENJ^{N} WILLIAMS.*

(Col. Dyer came in.) *Copy given him.*

On further consideration voted, that the dead rising for the row-gallies ordered to be built by Capts. Lester and Winslow be about 7 inches instead of four as before agreed.

Sundry letters prepared for Gen. Schuyler, Col. Wolcot, Wadsworth, Gov. Cook &c.

[95] And consideration had about supplying Col. Burrel's regiment on their march &c. to Albany, and many things for promoting the general service.

Mr. Harpin came, A. M., and heard him P. M., to have orders &c. about fortifications at Milford &c.; and as no orders had been given by the Assembly, save that they might have 6 cannon there from N. Haven, if to be obtained &c., declined giving any special directions and referred them to the General Assembly.

Voted, That Mr. Adonijah Strong of Salisbury be and he is hereby appointed and directed, to make necessary provision upon the best terms he can for such necessaries as are requisite for the march of the regiment raising under the command of Col. Burral for relief of the continental army in Canada, that is to say, for their march as far as Albany; agreeable to the request of Genl Washington to the Governor for that purpose; and to keep a regular account with proper vouchers, that payment may be made. (*Copy given for said Mr. Strong, present.*

Thursday, February 1st, 1776. Met again.

Present as yesterday. G., D. G., J. H., W. W., N. W., J. E., J. W., B. H., Col. D. absent.

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* Autograph signature.

Voted, in so far compliance with the request of the General Congress received few days since, for a ton of powder to be sent to Canada &c., having very little &c., that about 728 lb. of powder be forwarded from this Colony at the discretion and direction of his Honor the Governor, for the use of the army in that quarter.

[96] Whereas it is necessary that the bounty wages, pay for blankets, knapsacks, provisions for the march of the battalion now raising for reinforcement of the northern army &c, according to the proclamation of his Honor the Governor of the 27th of January, 1776, issued in consequence of the resolve and order of the Honble Continental Congress, should be paid and advanc'd; and said Congress having ordered 12500 dollars to be put into the hands of and forwarded by the Delegates of this Colony with all expedition for the use of said battalion for the purpose aforesaid, which is expected to arrive soon: but as it is possible it may not come in season and the service must not be delayed, it is therefore resolved and ordered, that the Committee of the Pay-Table draw on the Colony Treasurer for such sum as they shall find necessary for payment of all the sums ordered to be paid and advanced as by said proclamation is provided and by the same may appear, keeping particular and separate accounts of expenditure in this service.

And that the aforesaid sum shall be put into the hands of Mr. William Lawrence of Hartford, who is hereby directed and ordered to receive the same and as soon as necessary repair to Canaan, or elsewhere if [it] should appear proper, and pay off each officer and soldier of said battalion such sum as shall be due and to be advanced and paid to them respectively before their march, according to the terms of said proclamation, taking proper receipts or signing of every person to whom and expressive of the sum and use for which the same is paid, and keeping clear and perfect accounts of his doings in the premises, and make return of his [97] original doings to his ‖ Honor the Governor, and lodge a duplicate thereof with the Committee of the Pay-Table; for which service the said Lawrence is to have 26⅔ dollars per month and his reasonable expences borne. *2 copies given, for the Committee of P. T. and for said Lawrence.*

Voted and resolved, That Mr. Jesse Root of Hartford be added to the committee appointed by the Assembly to take care of prisoners who are or may be sent to this Colony.

And voted, That the said committee for taking care of prisoners be and they are directed to make out a proper and clear account of

the charge and expence arisen and incurred for the expence and support of all prisoners in this Colony from their first coming to the 1st of February inst. with the proper vouchers, together with the charges of taking care of them, and the same transmit to his Honor the Governor to be laid before Congress for payment.

On request of the commissaries, *viz.* Col. Jona. Fitch and Cap. Sam[l] Squire, for direction and orders for money necessary to make provision for the march and support of the men raised to aid Gen. Lee in his expedition to New York &c., to which they were appointed by this Board the 22d of January 1776, it is voted and resolved, that the Pay-Table Committee draw on the Treasurer of this Colony for and in favor of said commissaries for the sum of five hundred pounds each, to be by them improved in the most careful and frugal manner to make the necessary provision for that purpose: they keeping exact accounts of their doings and proper [98] vouchers thereof, ‖ and the same fairly stated transmit to his Honor the Governor, that they may be laid before Gen[l] Washington for reimbursement. *2 copies given, 1 to each.*

Voted, That Capt. Isaac Sears be appointed and employed to purchase and procure a suitable quantity and assortment of duck for a ship of about 260 tons, building for the use and defence of this Colony; and also about seven tons of suitable iron for said ship; and send forward in the most prudent and careful manner, and deliver the iron to the care of Cap. Benja. Williams, and the duck to the care of Cap. Uriah Hayden, both of Saybrook in this Colony.

And adjourned to tomorrow morning.

Friday, 2d February, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Present, the same, and also Col. Dyer.

On motion from Colo. Wadsworth for direction about three prisoners in his care who have been long pressing for leave to return home and think themselves unjustly detained &c., and on consideration of the circumstances attending them, it appears highly probable that said persons had never shewn themselves inimical to or been active against the United Colonies, and therefore voted, that his Honor the Governor be advised to give them a permit to pass and return to Maj[r] Gen. Schuyler at Albany, and that it be recommended to said general, unless he knows of special reasons against it, to

permit them to return to their respective homes, apprehending their disposition to be favorable and that their report will be no disadvantage to the common cause.*

And papers and letters to the general &c. made and sent Col. Wadsworth per Brownson.

[99] A good deal of consideration having been had about getting along with and carrying on fortifications at N. London and Groton &c., according to direction of the Assembly,

Voted, That Col. Dyar and Esq. Wales be and they are appointed a committee and instructed to repair to New London and Groton, view and examine the ground and places where fortifications are proposed to be erected and where some are begun, for defence of those places, and form the best judgment they shall be able of the particular places and parts where the same ought to be made and carried on to the best advantage, and to consider how many men ought to be raised and employed to carry on said works at each of said places, for proper security, and how soon said works may be undertaken and carried on to advantage, and under whose conduct and command, and to consider of proper persons to oversee and direct the work ; also, to consider of the expediency of removing some and how many of the cannon, the ball, powder and necessary implements, from N. London to works erected or to be erected on Groton Hill ; and whether any part of the company now raised at N. London should be discharged ; and also of the propriety and safety of the Colony's powder and other military stores remaining where they are, in a magazine near the water in N. London ; and whether any part and how much ought to be removed and where to be safely deposited ; and such other matters as they may judge to concern the safety, interest and defence of those places, so far as respects the common good ; and of facts with their opinion make report to this Board as soon as may be.

And voted also, That Col. Sam[ll] Mott be desired to attend with said committee. *Copy given.*

Mr. Bushnell was here, by request of the Governor and Council, and gave an account of his machine contrived to blow ships &c., and was asked many questions about it &c. &c., and being retired, on consideration, voted, that we hold ourselves under obligations of

* The Governor's letter to Gen. Schuyler about these prisoners is in *Am. Archives*, 4th, iv, 917.

secrecy about it.* And his Honor the D. Governor is desired to reward him for his trouble and expence in coming here, and signifie to him that we approve of his plan and that [it] will be agreeable to have him proceed to make every necessary preparation and experiment about it, with expectation of proper public notice and reward.

[100] This Board having been impowered and authorized by the General Assembly in December last, to supply the batteries at Groton, Stoningtown, New Haven, &c. with cannon and suitable ammunition from time to time as they shall find necessary, and having considered and examined how and in what manner the same can be effected, and after the greatest care and enquiry can find no expedient to obtain them, unless by causing them to be cast and founded in the furnace of Mr. Richard Smith at Salisbury, and having made proper inquiry into the circumstances &c. of said furnace, and finding them to be such that there is a probability of success, and the matter being of so much importance: It is, on consideration, thought advisable to make the attempt.

And it is therefore considered, ordered and resolved by this Board, To improve said furnace in the best manner for the purpose of casting cannon and cannon ball of such sizes and dimentions as shall be found practicable and be directed ; and that all proper preparations and materials of ore, coal and all necessary implements for the use aforesaid, be forthwith made and provided in the best and speediest and most prudent manner.

And Col. Jed^h Elderkin is hereby appointed a committee to repair forthwith to Salisbury, and give proper orders and directions for providing every necessary material for setting forward and promoting said business, and getting everything into the best readiness to carry on the same. And he is directed to improve or cause to be improved for coal the wood on 50 acres of the land near said furnace, belonging to Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Whittelsey, heirs of the Hono. Col. Newton, dec^d, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, in manner and according to the terms and liberty given by the Rev^d Mr. Whittlesey under his hand. And said Col. Elderkin is allowed to take his son Bela with him, to assist in any necessary services he shall be able to do, and is to make report of his doings in the premises to this Board.

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* In 1881, Lt.-Col. Henry L. Abbot printed in a pamphlet of 34 pp. 4°, a historical compilation, entitled *The Beginning of Modern Submarine Warfare under Captain-Lieutenant David Bushnell,* which gives a full account of Bushnell and his *American Turtle.*

[101] This Board being informed that the treasury of this Colony is exhausted of money by the many expenditures thereof in variety of ways for the support of the common rights of the United Colonies, and in particular a considerable sum being drafted and expended for payment of the Connecticut forces under his Excellency Gen[l] Washington near Boston, with a view to quiet the soldiery and engage them more chearfully to reingage in the service; and there being at this time very pressing demands upon said treasury for considerable sums, in order to furnish and fit out the battalion now raising for reinforcing the continental army in Canada, and also three regiments raising for recruiting said Gen[l] Washington's army, and without a present supply it will be impracticable to send off said now-raising troops, and there being no other apparent way to obtain it,

It is therefore resolved and ordered, That any one of the Committee of the Pay-Table, *viz.* Wm. Pitkin, Thos. Seymour, Ez[l] Williams, Oliv[r] Ellsworth, Esq[rs], either of them with such assistance as they shall judge necessary, repair forthwith to his Excellency Gen[l] Washington, set before him the nature and necessity of the case, and request of him to pay and replace the sum and sums which said committee lately paid out and advanced out of our treasury toward the pay and wages of said forces in his camp, by his approbation. And said Pitkin &c., or either of them, is hereby authorized and impowered to receive the said sum, and the same as soon as possible lodge with the Treasurer of this Colony for the uses aforesaid, taking his receipt therefor.

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[102] Saturday, 3d February, 1776.

Met according to adjournment. Present as yesterday, except the Deputy Governor gone to Litchfield court, and Esq. West not come.

Moved by the Governor by motion to him from Gov. Griswold that some encouragement should be given to enable Mr. Bushnell to pay expences incurred in preparing his machine for the design projected &c., and to carry forward the plan &c. &c., it appearing to be a work of great ingenuity &c., and a prospect that it may be attended with success, and being undertaken merely to serve the public, and of considerable expense to labour &c., its tho't reasonable that something should be done &c.

Voted and ordered, That the Treasurer pay and deliver to his

Honor the Deputy Governor the sum of sixty pounds, to be by him improved for the use of the Colony and public according to instructions from this Board. *Order given 25 May, 1776, Delivered D. Gov. at Hartford.*

Voted and ordered, That the Committee of the Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer in favor of Colo. Elderkin for the sum of one hundred pounds, to enable him to do the necessaries to forward the works to be done at the furnace at Salisbury, whither he is going by order, to prepare said furnace for the casting of cannon, &c. *Is done, and the Gov. lent him the money and took the order indorsed.*

Pass'd an account of Capt. Harding, for service in going round the sea coast, to see about buying or building a ship for defence &c., at 6*s*. per day and expences, £2 17 0.

Appointed Rev^d Mr. Perry Chaplain for Col. Wolcott's regiment.

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[103] At a Meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety &c. Friday, 9 February, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Elip. Dyar, Esqr.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr.
W^m. Williams, Esqr.
Nath. Wales, Esqr.
Joshua West, Esqr.

Sundry things about the public affairs considered and discoursed &c., and sundry persons present from Stonington, moving for directions about fortifications &c.

Determined the size and dimensions of the row-galley at N. Haven and sent by Mr. Hood, *viz.* Keel, 60 feet; beam, 18 feet; hold, 5 feet; dead rising, 7 inches.

Col. Dyar and Mr. Wales reported the execution of their commission at N. London, as appointed 2d inst. &c., and consideration and discourse about the subject matter &c.

Saturday, 10th, met again. Present, the same as yesterday.

A long letter from Col. Burrall complaining greatly about Mr. Strong's appointment to supply his regiment to Albany &c. &c. was taken up, considered and a long letter prepared and copied in answer, adhering to the appointment &c.

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[104] P. M. Saturday, 10 February.

Considered and discoursed about the affair of the fortifications at N. London and Groton, according to the orders of the General Assembly, and the numbers of men to be raised at each, and how regulated &c.

Cap. B. Gallop came in and moved to have the command at Groton &c. Came to no determination.

Cap. Throop came for advice &c. about his affair of his company for Canada &c.

And adjourned to Monday morning next.

Monday, February 12, 1776. Met according to adjournment.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
E. Dyar, Esqr.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr.
Wm. Williams.
Nathl Wales.
Joshua West.

Letters received since Saturday from Gen. Washington, Gen. Lee, Gen. Schuyler, and number of others: read &c. &c.

On Genl Washington's pressing request in his letter for powder,

Voted and ordered, That about three tons of that article lately imported by Mr. Shaw, by Cap. Hinman into Dartmouth and thence by Governor's &c. order bro't to and lodg'd at Providence, be forthwith sent from said Providence to Genl Washington: 3000 of it to be on account and for Maj. Thompson, a committee of supply for Massachusetts, with whom said Shaw had contracted, and the remainder on our account, suppose 3000 or better, more, to be paid for or replaced as we shall choose.

And letters wrote to Genl Washington and said Maj. Thompson.

[105] On motion from Genl Lee, signifying that he is not only admitted into N. York, but that they have resolved to take strong possession of the city &c., to prevent the enemy from getting possession &c., and requesting Col. Ward's regiment to be sent back &c., who had been released on the discouraging prospects at first,

Voted and ordered, That said regiment be ordered forthwith to return to N. York and be under the command of said Genl Lee, and that their wages be continued on, as if they had not returned &c. And the orders prepared, and a letter also to Col. Ward, in-

forming him the reasons and inforcing his immediate compliance; and copies also made.

Letter also to Capt. Swift of the northern expedition confirming Murray a Lieutenant, in room of Lt. Grant declined.

Letters prepared to Gen[l] Washington about powder &c. &c., and enclosing copy of Gen. Lee's letter; and to Maj. Thompson, to whom part [of] the powder belonged &c., and copies made &c.

Letter also to Gen[l] Lee prepared, and many other things.

Mr. Ellsworth, having been to Gen[l] Washington by order &c., to obtain the money lately paid by our committee to the soldiers &c., and not able to get it, is returned and present, and convers'd with about it &c., and being in great want of money, considered what should be done, and advised and directed that the Committee of Pay-Table prepare soon as may be the pay-rolls of the troops which they have paid, and he or some other repair to the Continental Congress and apply for a repayment of said sums &c., and to have further orders.

And adjourned to tomorrow morning.

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[106] Tuesday morning, 13 February. Met &c.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Col. E. D., Col. J. H., W. W., N. W., J. West.

Allowed several accounts of David Lothrop, *viz.*

For going express to Stamford, to stop the troops Aug. '75,	£2	17	4
Oct. '75, going express to N. Haven,	2	1	8
Dec. '75, going express to warn the Assembly,	2	11	8
Going express to Lt. Governor,	0	11	0
Going express to Cambridge &c.,	3	9	0
Total,	£11	10	8

And ordered to be drawn for. *And done.*

Letter prepared and sent Gov. Cook, (by Cap. Clark,) requesting him to send forward our powder &c. to Gen. Washington &c., and inclosed Gen Lee's letter, and copied &c.

And again took into consideration the affair of fortifying New London Harbour &c., according to the orders of the General Assembly, and what number of men ought to be raised and employed to carry on said works and for their defence, and necessary tools and materials to be provided. And judging it of great importance that forts be erected at the three places hereafter provided, not

only for the defence of N. London but to render said harbor a place of safety for all friendly shipping of this or any of the United Colonies,

It is considered, resolved and ordered by this Board, That three companies of men be raised by voluntary inlistments, to consist of 90 men each company, including officers, for the term and until the first day of December next, unless sooner dismissed by the General Assembly or this Board; to be improved and employed as laborers in erecting proper works of defence, under such directions, in such manner, as are ordered or may be ordered and given, at three different places, *viz:* one at Groton Hill, facing N. London [107] Harbour, one at a place ‖ called Winthrop's Point or Neck, and the other at a place called Mamacock or Shaw's Point, both in N. London, and also as soldiers for defence of those places and works, if need be, or such other as shall be necessary in those parts; and at proper times, at the discretion of their officers, to be exercised in the use of arms, and of cannon and any other proper military exercises; and that said three companies be stationed at said three places, *viz.* that under the command of , at said Winthrop's Point; that under the command of (Cap. Mott, as p. 111. [242]) at said Groton Hill; and that under the command of (Cap. Ely, as p. 111, [242]) at said Mamacock; yet so as that any party or detachment of either one or more of said companies under proper officers shall be liable and may be called off from their proper station to labour or do duty at any or either of said fortifications and places, as may be judged necessary and expedient and shall be ordered by the engineer appointed to direct and superintend all said works, and to such orders as may be made by this Board or the General Assembly; and that if any of said soldiers shall be deficient in such reasonable labor and duty as shall be required, such deficiency shall be deducted out of his wages.

And it is further provided, That the aforesaid troops, or three companies, shall be subject to and regulated by the rules of an act of the General Assembly of this Colony pass'd in May, 1775, entituled An act for regulating and ordering the troops that are or may be raised for the defence of this Colony, so far as they are capable of being applied to their circumstances and situation.

And it is further resolved, That said officers and soldiers shall be entitled to and shall have and receive the same pay and wages as the officers and soldiers in the continental army near Boston, and shall be furnished and supplied with good and sufficient rations of

provisions for their support in the same manner, as near as may be, or equivalent thereto; and the soldiers shall be allowed one jill of rum per day when on labour and fatigue, and 3*s.* each for the use of their blankets; and said companies shall be furnished by the Colony with such arms as shall be judged necessary.

[108] *And it is further provided and resolved,* That all necessary timber to be used in and about said forts be provided as soon as may be. That one convenient and suitable barrack for one company shall be built at a proper place for such company on Groton Hill. And on representation by our committee that N. London are willing their pest-house, standing near, should be removed and properly placed to serve as a barrack for the company at said Mamacock, it is ordered that the same shall be so removed, placed and fitted for such barrack by the company to be stationed there or other troops in the Colony service, provided the town of N. London make no demand on account of such removal: the property to remain as before.

It is also resolved and ordered, That three stone sledges and three hammers, thirty shovels, thirty spades, ten iron crowbars, twenty pickaxes, two draft-chains, one long log-chain, and one cart with two pair of oxen, be purchased and improved for carrying on the works aforesaid; and that all said tools &c. be properly taken care of and secured by the commanding officer where they shall be used.

And Col. G. Saltonstall is appointed a committee to provide necessary timber and materials according to order, for the works on Winthrop's Point.

Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, is appointed a committee to provide timber and necessary materials according to order, for the works on Groton Hill. (*Copy given.*)

Mr. Nathl Shaw jun^{r} is appointed to provide timber and necessary materials according to order, for the works at Mamacock.

Adjourned to Friday morning next.

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[109] Friday, 16 February. Met accordingly.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
E. Dyer, Esqr.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr.
W. Williams,
N. Wales,
Jos^{a} West, Esq^{rs}.

Many letters &c., and a pressing request from Gen. Washington by Col. Gay, which the Governor [received] yesterday, for more powder &c. is laid before us and considered; and the circumstances being represented so urgent &c.,

Voted and agreed, That two tons of the four lately imported into N. London by Mr. Shaw in the Maccaroni be sent to Gen[l] Washington, to be by him replaced as he engages. (Said powder is with Col. Jz. Huntington.)

On motion that Cap. Lester, builder of a row-galley at Norwich, has bo't of Constable Hough a quantity of provision to support his workmen, and Hough owing the money to the Treasurer &c., and that an order may be given to pay it that way &c. (*Order given, delivered Col. H.*)

Voted, That an order be given on [the] Pay-Table for £100 for said Lester, so as to be allowed and discounted with said Hough by the Treasurer and accounted for by said Lester on account of building said galley for the Colony.

Voted, That an order be drawn in favor of Mr. David Trumbull for £150, towards fixing the gun-barrels bro't from Crown Point &c. *Oraer given, 17th.*

Voted, That an order of £460 be drawn on the Pay-Table, out of the continental money sent for that purpose, to [be] improved to pay the advance wages and bounty &c. for Cap. Throop's company going to Canada; that Mr. David Trumbull receive the same and pay out according to proclamation. *Order given, 17th Feb.*

[110] On a representation and request from the authority &c. of Fairfield, by letters from Col. Silliman and Mr. Burr, setting forth their exposed situation and necessity of defence &c., and the circumstances of the harbour, the second best in the Colony &c., and requesting powder, cannon and ball, &c, and at least 25 men to be raised, and sundry things: And in part compliance with their request, on consideration of the case,

It is voted, allowed and ordered, That twenty-five able bodied effective men be raised by voluntary inlistment, at the discretion of the authority and selectmen of said town, under the command of a lieutenant and two serjeants, to be improved in erecting works of defence at such place and manner in said town as they, said authority &c., shall direct, and for watching &c. as shall be necessary, to continue until the first day of November next unless sooner released by the General Assembly or this Board, and to have the same pay and wages as the army near Boston, and to be allowed 8*d.* per day for their provision and support during said term.

And voted, That on sending to Gen[l] Washington the two tons of powder ordered this day, a letter be written to him informing of it &c., and requesting him that four tons in the whole be replaced by him of what he may have coming from Philadelphia or otherwise, *viz:* one ton to be lodged at Fairfield, one at New Haven, and two tons at Middletown, in lieu of so much received from us.

Voted, That 30 stands of the arms fitted out of the barrels received from Crown Point be sent to Gen. Washington, having been earnestly requested by him &c.

Voted, That Mr. Lemuel Bryant of Middleborough as a cannon founder at Salisbury, and David Carver, Zebulon White and David Oldman, in those parts, as moulders, and that said Bryant procure four moulders for shot, and he to come by 15 March, the rest by 1st April, and wrote accordingly.

Saturday, 17. Met again from last night's adjournment.

Present: The same as yesterday.

Sheriff Williams was here, representing much trouble and difficulty with the prisoners at Hartford &c., and moves again that an addition be made to the committee. And Benja. Payn, Esq. and Cap. Jere. Wadsworth are added to said committee for taking care of prisoners: four of said committee being absent in the army and on other public business.

The subject of the companies and forts and proclamation respecting the N. London defence, and the matter and manner discoursed.

Voted an order on the Pay-Table for £9 13 5 for W. Torrey for going with waggon and Indian chiefs 14 Jan. last to Cambridge as per account allowed. And for 6*s*. for Dan Throop, for going to Windham with them &c. And do. for Capt. E. Hide £2 7 9, for going two journeys to N. Haven &c. about Salisbury furnace &c., (a very moderate charge;) and orders given, sent by Loomis this day.

Also an order for Jude Alden for £2 5 2, for use of horse twice for Jno. Walker, Congress post, and keeping his horse, in his absence &c., (a high account.) *Order given, sent by Loomis.*

And appointed Mr. Edward Mott to be Captain of the company to be raised and stationed at the Groton Hill fort, and Commandant of said fort.

And appointed Dr. Jno Ely of Lyme to be Captain of the company to be raised and stationed at Mamacock fort.

[112] Sam[ll] Mott, Esq, and Mr. Josiah Waters are appoint

Engineers, to superintend and direct the building works of defence and forts ordered to be erected at N. London and Groton. *Copy given Mr. Waters, 8 March.*

Considered, voted and pass'd a Proclamation for raising and encouraging said three companies according to the resolve and vote the 13th inst.

And dismissed, (being near night,) to meet again next Friday morning.

Friday, 23d February, 1776. Met according to adjournment.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
E. Dyar, Esqr,
Jz. Huntington, Esqr,
Wm. Williams,
Nathl Wales, Esqr,
Joshua West, Esqr.

Letter just received by Cap. Clark from Genl Washington, complaining of the deficiency of powder &c.

Maj^{r} Smith of Stonington, present, moving that the Stonington company (of 40) for defence of their harbour and town &c. may be augmented, for reasons by him urged, and is considered &c., and on consideration,

Voted and resolved, That the company of forty men now stationed at Stonington for defence of the harbor and works of defence erected and building there, be augmented by voluntary inlistment to ninety men, including officers; to be continued until the 1st of [71] December next unless sooner dismissed by the General ‖ Assembly or this Board; to be on the same plan and under the same regulations as the companies raising for defence of New London Harbour, saving that their station be fixed at or near said fortification at Stonington, till further orders from the said Assembly or this Board, which is mentioned p. 106 [238] and p. 112.

Sundry letters from sundry, relating to the public affairs of the times.

Said Stonington company had been raised by this Board 14 Sept. last, (as p. 40, [128]) to consist of 50 men, and afterward by the Assembly in Octo[illegible] 75, reduced to 40, is now augmented to 90, as [illegible] and [illegible]er Smith is appointed Captain of said compan[illegible] is appo[illegible] First Lieutenant of the same, [illegible]ted S[illegible]utenant of the same, and [illegible]ted [illegible] the same. And said

Capt. Smith is authorized and impowered by all proper ways to raise and inlist said company with all convenient speed and make return to his Honor the Governor, who is desired to give said officers proper warrants or commissions. And Nathaniel Miner, Esqr, is appointed a Commissary, to provide the proper supplies of provisions for support of the company now ordered to be raised under the command of Capt. Oliver Smith, to be stationed at Stonington fort; and the Governor is desired to give said Miner a proper warrant accordingly: the provisions to be according to the regulations of the army near Boston, as mentioned in a proclamation referred to in the order for raising said company. *Copies given said Maj^{r} Smith.*

Mr. Simon Davis is present, commissioned and authorized by Gov. Cook to go to the foreign West Indies for a cargo of powder, and liberty of taking a cargo from this Colony if he can obtain [72] ‖ leave &c., and urges the necessity of the article and the probability of success &c. &c., and on being asked &c. this committee consent to and advise his Honor to permit him to purchase and ship 2000 lb. cheese, 2000 do. hog's lard, 60 barrels pork, and 30 barrels of beef, in this Colony, for the purpose aforesaid.

And on consideration of supplying officers for the company to be stationed at Winthrop's Point in New London :

Col. G. Saltonstall is appointed Captain of the company to be stationed at Winthrop's Point, and to raise such company by inlistments by all proper ways, as soon as may be, and make return to his Honor the Governor.

And Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, is appointed a Commissary to make and provide provisions for the company to be raised and stationed at Groton Hill, according to the proclamation for raising them &c. *Copy given.*

And Cap. John Deshon is appointed a Commissary to provide for the two companies to be raised and stationed at Winthrop's Point and at Mamacock in New London, according to proclamation. *Copy sent.*

Took into consideration the affair of appointing captain and other officers for the brig Defence now lying at New Haven, and talked largely upon it; and appointed Seth Harding to be Captain of said brig Defence, and concluded upon the others almost, but deferred till next day the appointment.

And appointed Jehiel Tinker Captain of the row-galley now building at East Haddam.

And adjourned till tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, MET &c.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Elip. Dyar, Esqr.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr.
Nathl Wales, Esqr.
Esq. West and 1 * at Windham court.

Had agreed to the officers hereafter appointed for the brig.

Appointed Ebenezer Bartram of Fairfield to be First Lieutenant, and James Hopkins, Middletown, to be Second Lieutenant, and Jno. McCleave Master of the brig Defence, according to the proposal last night.

A letter prepared and sent to Capt. Harding informing of his appointment as captain of said brig, and also to Lieuts. Bartram and Hopkins as lieutenants, and also to Capt. McCleave informing his appointment as master of the same.

Cap. Ely appeared and accepted the office of captain of the company to be raised and stationed at Mamacock, and proposed Martin Kirtland for First Lieutenant and Dan Platt for Second Lieutenant of said company, who were appointed.

Capt. Edward Mott appeared and accepted of his appointment as captain of the Groton company, and Oliver Coit is appointed First Lieutenant, William Latham Second Lieutenant of said company, and William Whiting Ensign.

Letter sent to Col. Easton.

And dismissed.

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[78] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph^{t} Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Nathl Wales, jun^{r},
Benja. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That Adriel Ely be and he is hereby appointed Ensign of the company under command of Capt. John Ely.

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* Wm. Williams.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor and the rest as yesterday.

Voted, That Nath[l] Green and Company of the Colony of Rhode Island be permitted to purchase three cargoes of the produce of this Colony in such proportion (as to particulars) as his Honor the Governor shall direct, in order to be transported to the West In- [79] dies to purchase warlike stores in pursuance of ‖ a contract made between the said Green and Company and the Committee of Secrecy of the Continental Congress, for the benefit of the United Colonies: one of said cargoes to be shipped on board a brig in Norwich belonging to some gentlemen in the Colony of Rhode Island, and the other two cargoes to be shipped on bottoms to be taken up in this Colony.

Voted, That Capt. Ephraim Bill be and he is hereby appointed to repair to Saybrook and there inspect the building the Colony ship of war at Capt. Hayden's yard, and to do whatever is needful to promote the work in the best and most speedy manner. And the builders, riggers, blacksmiths and sail-makers &c. are hereby directed to consult him in their several branches of the work as shall be convenient for the service.

Voted, That this Committee will at a proper time take up the matter of the Taking of Tyconderoga &c., and come into some measures to represent the same to the Congress, that the persons to whom reward for their service is due may be considered, and that the persons who have received money to disburse in that service shall in a proper way be called to account.

N. B. One Thomas Lusk was a captain at St Johns, and is to be remembered for reward.

[80] *Ordered,* That teams and tools for the use of the fortifications at New London and Groton shall be provided by Col. Saltonstall, Mr. Nath[l] Shaw jr., and Eben Ledyard, Esq[rs].

His Honor the Governor is desired to write to the northward for as many gun-barrels as can be obtained, in order for repairs.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MARCH 5TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor,
Jabez Huntington,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Nathl Wales jr,
B. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Voted an order of £150 0 0 on the Pay-Table in favour of Capt. Uriah Hayden. *An order given March 5th,* 1776, *according to the above vote.*

An order was given to Col. Sears to forward three tons of iron to Capt. Benja. Williams or Capt. Hayden at Saybrook.

An order was this day given to Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, to furnish provisions for the brig Defence for a cruise for nine weeks.

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[81] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, MARCH 14TH, A.D. 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph^{t} Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r},
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That Mr. John McCleave of New Haven be and he is hereby appointed Second Lieutenant of the brig Defence, instead of Lieut. Hopkins resigned.

Voted, That Capt. Joseph Thompson be and he is hereby appointed as a Lieutenant to inlist thirty men to carry on and finish the works begun at Black Rock in New Haven, and to serve as troops under command of said Thomson at said works, or where they shall be ordered, in defence of this Colony, until further orders. Said Lieut. Thomson to appoint two serjeants to assist him in said service.

[82] Whereas the Treasurer of this Colony is doubtful concerning his duty to receive the continental bills into the treasury in discharge of publick taxes laid by act of the General Assembly to be paid in bills of credit of this Colony or silver or gold, and thereon he hath made application to the Governor and his Committee appointed to assist him in the recess of the General Assembly, for their advice: And whereas it is necessary to support the Union of the Colonies and the free circulation and credit of continental bills, that they be received in all payments:

Thereupon it is resolved by the Governor and his Council aforesaid, That it is their clear and unanimous opinion, that the Treasurer take and receive the continental bills, so called, in all payments in the treasury, and that he notify the same in the publick newspapers, that the constables and collectors of taxes in this Colony may conform themselves accordingly. *Voted unanimously.*

Orders made for Capt. Edward Mott to repair with his company to his station at Groton, and advise the Governor from time to time of his situation and proceedings &c.

[83] *Voted,* That Eliphalet Dyer and Wm. Williams, Esq^{rs}, be appointed a committee to repair to Philadelphia. apply to Continental Congress for a remittance of continental bills due to this Colony, and bring forward the sum received ; to inform the situation and circumstances of our two regiments sent to N. York and receive directions concerning them ; to ask the loan of cannon from New York, and also desire the colonels of the two Connecticut regiments to remain there till further instructions; and to confer with our Delegates and others on the matters relative to the state of the United Colonies and the things needful for our defence and security, and to follow such instructions as are given them and make report accordingly.

Voted, That Jabez Huntington and Benj. Huntington, Esq^{rs}, be appointed a committee to take the best advice they think proper concerning the mode of rigging the row-galley now building by Capt. Lester, and order said galley to be rigged accordingly.

And dismissed till next Tuesday.

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[84] At a meeting of the Governor &c. 18th March, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph^t Dyar, Esq.,
Jz. Huntington, Esq.,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^ll Wales,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Later, Joshua West, and
Benja. Huntington, Esqr.

Called by special order of the Governor, on receiving advice from Genl Washington that the troops are withdrawing from Boston, and bound, as he supposes, to New York, and intreating that 2000 men from the frontiers of this Colony may be forthwith thrown into N. York, till he can march his army there.

Samuel Bryant and Zebulon White were present, who had been sent for near Middleborough &c. as cannon founder and moulder &c. The first demands two dollars, and the other one and one-third dollars per day, and to be supported: and having great necessity of them, and they affirming that they have had and are offered the same near home, it is therefore and on that ground agreed, to allow them that pay and support: but it is agreed and understood, that if said Bryant does not succeed, he is to have no other allowance than his support. And they are desired and sent forward to Salisbury for the purpose of pursuing the business of making cannon.

It is voted, That Col. Joshua Porter be and he is hereby appointed Chief Provider and Overseer of the works at the furnace in Salisbury, and to do whatever shall be needful and proper to promote the public service at that place, observing such orders as shall be given to him from time to time by his Honor the Governor and this Council or the General Assembly of this Colony, and keep proper accounts, to be rendered when required. (*And this sent in a letter to said Porter, by said workmen.*)

[85] In consequence of a letter from Genl Washington to his Honor, of the 14th inst., informing that the enemy have imbarked their troops and are now making a shameful retreat from Boston, and destined in all probability to N. York, a place, as he says, of infinite importance both to them and us, and that much depends upon priority of possession, and therefore intreating us immedi-

ately to throw two thousand men into that city, from the frontiers of this Colony, to maintain the place till he can arrive there with the army under his command:

It is on consideration voted and resolved, as the unanimous opinion of this Board, That the emergency of the present case is fully within the meaning and provision of the laws of this Colony, providing for the relief and succour of any towns or places attacked by an enemy or in danger thereof; and that the present is a very important case, and may in its consequences determine the fate of America; and that, therefore, his Honor the Governor be advised, and he is advised, to give immediate orders to the colonels or present commanding officers of the 4th, 9th, 16th, 2d, 7th, 10th and 23d regiments of militia, forthwith to assemble their respective regiments, in whole or in parts as they shall judge most proper, and unless a suitable proportion, as hereafter mentioned, shall freely and forthwith voluntarily, as it is hoped they will, offer themselves, that they immediately detach the following numbers of able bodied men from their respective regiments, *viz:* from the 4th regiment 360, from the 9th 360, and from the 16th 180 men, inclusive of officers, or very nearly and not exceeding those numbers, to be formed into one regiment or battalion, to consist of ten companies of 90 men each including officers, and under the command of Col. G. [86] Selleck Silliman, Lt. Colo. John Mead ‖ and Maj^r John Chandler, and under such captains and other officers in the present militia or that have been lately in service, as the field officers in the several regiments from which they may be taken or drafted shall appoint or agree to. And that from the 2d regiment 270, from the 7th 360, from the 10th 180, and from the 23d 90 men, including officers, or very nearly, not exceeding that number, to be formed into one regiment or battalion, to consist of ten companies of 90 men each including officers, and to be under the command of Col. Matthew Talcott, Lt. Colo. Jabez Thompson and Maj^r Sylvanus Graves, and such captains and other officers as aforesaid as the field officers in the several regiments from which they may be taken or drafted shall appoint or agree to. And that said regiments forthwith march or repair by land or water to New York, to be under the command of the commander-in-chief there, to assist in securing and maintaining that place until Genl Washington can arrive there with the army under his command, and they be properly dismissed, which may be soon expected. And while in service

they to be entitled to the same wages &c. as the other troops in the New England Colonies are entitled to.

Jona. Fitch, Esqr, and Capt. Saml Squire are appointed to make proper provision for the march or transportation of the troops now ordered to N. York by land or water as shall be found best, and for their subsistance on their march or passage if need be, keeping clear accounts, to be laid before Congress.

Tuesday 19th March, 1776. Met again by adjournment from yesterday.

Present: The same as yesterday, except Mr. Wales ill with gout, and P. M. added his Honor the Deputy Governor.

Mr. Babcock of N. Haven came in &c., moved sundry things, among others put in a memorial praying liberty to erect a powder-mill in behalf of Jer. Atwater, Isaac Doolittle, David Austin and himself, and promising immediately to set about and finish it for the purpose of manufacturing gun-powder ; and on consideration is granted, to be erected at N. Haven, with condition and expectation that the matter be pursued and perfected with all possible dispatch. *Copy of substance given Mr. Doolittle, 2 May '76.*

And the time very busily spent in preparing orders, letters &c. to the colonels of the seven regiments before mentioned, from whom men were yesterday directed to be drafted for the N. York expedition &c., and many preparations to set forward that affair till about 4 o'clock p. m. *Those things were dispatched by Mr. Lane of Killingworth, with orders to carry and send and deliver to whom directed &c.*

[88] The matter of Col. Dyar and Col. Williams, the expediency of their going to Philadelphia &c., taken up and again discoursed largely. The Deputy Governor, not present before, heartily approves it, and all present remain of the same opinion &c. Col. D. objects &c., and I* am not willing &c. And considered and advised that the Governor will please to prepare proper instructions &c. and lay them before the next meeting &c.

Mr. Waters, one of the engineers, came in, and discourse about the matter of the fortifications at N. London &c, and urges to be released from the service, from an apprehension that Col. Mott and he should not agree &c. &c., but are not willing to release him, but

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* William Williams.

advise that he go down directly and assist in the best manner &c. &c.

And dismissed till Friday next.

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[1] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, FRIDAY, 22 MARCH, 1776, BY ADJOURNMENT FROM LAST TUESDAY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor Griswold,
Jz. Huntington, Esqr,
Wm. Williams,
Jed. Elderkin,
Joshua West, and
Benj. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

A letter from Col. Talcott, who is ordered to N. York &c., shewing his insuperable difficulties respecting guns and want of marching money &c.

Voted, That Mr. Hosmer furnish Col. Talcott, for the use of his regiment, with such number of guns and bayonets, which he had procured for the Colony, as shall be found indispensibly necessary for them, being bound on an expedition to N. York to assist in defending that place till Genl Washington can arrive &c. And letter sent him inclosing the above, and informing that Col. Fitch is ordered to provide for their march or passage; and if money is necessary, to advance or borrow, as there is none in the treasury &c.

Allowed an account of Sims Edgerton, goal-keeper at Norwich, for keeping Dr. Church, from 24 Nov. to 22d Mar.

at 8*s*., 17 weeks .	£6	16	0
To 7½ loads wood, at 6*s*.	2	5	0
Guarding the goal 47 days, at 3*s*.	7	1	0
Providing, paying and finding 2 centry 47 nights, 6*s*.	14	2	0
	£30	4	0

Allowed an account of Seth Miner for building a yard or pickets about Norwich goal, to secure Dr. Church according to the order of Congress &c., amounts to £19 13 10

And order given for both.

[2] Voted his Honor the Governor be desired to direct the sheriff of New London county not to suffer Dr. Church to go

abroad, nor out of close prison, more than once in each week, and that with the sheriff's own personal attendance, until further orders.

Voted, That Eliphalet Dyer and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, be a committee fully authorized and impowered to move the Convention of the Colony of New York, or in their absence the Committee or Council of Safety, for the loan of such a number and sizes of cannon as they can spare without detriment; to urge the necessity of such a measure, and to secure the return of the value thereof in behalf of this Colony; when obtained forthwith to forward them, and make report to the Governor and Council of Safety accordingly.

Voted, That Eliph^{t} Dyer and Wm. Williams, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to confer with the Commander-in-Chief at New York concerning the necessity of the two Connecticut battalions under command of Cols. Waterbury and Ward continuing in service, and also of the two militia regiments lately ordered, and concert proper measures relative to both, and to consult the two colonels named on the circumstances of their respective regiments, to direct and order them (if need be) to continue in the service till advice can be received from the Continental Congress, and conform themselves [3] to such orders as shall be received: otherwise to ‖ order them as emergency do require, as well as the two militia battalions, and report to the Governor and Council accordingly.

Voted, That Eliphalet Dyer and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to repair to Philadelphia, to apply to the Honble Continental Congress for a remittance of continental bills for this Colony, to give their receipt and forward and deliver to the Treasurer of the Colony the sum received on its behalf,* to urge the necessity and expediency of such a supply, to inform the state and number of continental † battalions in continental service, and especially of those lately sent to New York; also to shew the number and circumstances and ask directions concerning the prisoners of various denominations in this Colony; and make report to the Governor and Council accordingly.

Voted, That Eliphalet Dyer and William Williams, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to repair to Philadelphia, to confer with our Delegates

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* On the petition of Messrs. Dyer and Williams, Congress voted, April 11th, 1776, to advance to the Colony 166,666⅔ dollars, which is equal to £50,000.

† *Sic.* Connecticut?

and others relative to the present state of the United Colonies on the things needful for our defence and safety, on the subject and on the manner of treatment of the Commissioners sent from Great Britain, and to inform what they find relative to and necessary for the safety and security of New York and places adjacent; and make report to the Governor and Council accordingly.

[4] *Voted*, That Eliphalet Dyer and Wm. Williams, Esq^{rs}, be directed to purchase at New York or Philadelphia sufficient quantity of rigging for the Colony ship now building, or procure hemp sufficient to make the same, as shall appear most advantageous for this Colony, and forward the same, if in hemp to Mr. James Tilley at New London, if in rigging to Capt. Uriah Hayden at Saybrook, and give as early advice as possible of their proceedings thereon.

Voted, That Eliphalet Dyer and Wm. Williams, Esq^{rs}, make use of so much of the Colony money that they shall receive at Philadelphia as to pay for the rigging or hemp which they are ordered to purchase for the Colony ship, and also pay what is due to Col. Isaac Sears for sundries he purchased for this Colony, take receipts for what they pay and lodge the same with the Pay-Table and take their order on the Treasurer, to answer so far as they pay in lieu of lodging the money.

[5] *Voted*, That Mr. David Trumbull (as soon as possible he can) forward what Colony arms he has in his hands to Mr. Joshua Huntington in Norwich, to be by him forwarded to N. London to Capt. John Ely now stationed there in the Colony service, and take a proper receipt accordingly; and also, that Col. Williams in like manner deliver five Colony arms now in his hands. *Done.*

Voted, That Col. Huntington is desired to procure four hand-carts to be made for the use of the Colony works at New London.

Voted, That John Mills is appointed Lieutenant of the troops employed for defence at the fortification at Fairfield.

Voted, That Samuel Smedley is appointed Lieutenant of Marines on board the brig Defence belonging to this Colony.

Voted, That the number of men lately ordered for guards and building battery at New Haven be augmented; that instead of thirty there be allowed fifty; that Capt. Joseph Thomson in the former vote appointed a Lieutenant be a Captain of said fifty men, with liberty of one lieutenant for said company, to be nominated and appointed by Cols. Dyar and Williams on their way to Philadelphia next week.

[6] *Voted*, That the guns, barrels and gun-locks, lately imported

into N. Haven by Col. Sears, be purchased, if suitable and to be reasonably had, for the use of the Colony; and that Col. Dyar and Col. Williams, going that way, be desired to inquire and make such purchase if they think advisable.

AT A MEETING &c. SATURDAY, 23 MARCH.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor,
Col. Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Jed. Elderkin,
B. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That Capt. Theophilus Stanton of Stonington be and he is appointed Captain of the row-galley building at Norwich.

Voted, That the men raised, enlisted and stationed on the sea coasts of this Colony for defence thro' the ensuing season who shall find and equip themselves with good and sufficient fire-arms and accoutrements, causing them to be appraised, shall be allowed three shillings for the use of each gun, and if lost, spoiled or damaged in the service by inevitable providence, the owner to be paid the value of such loss or damage sustained.

Voted, That his Honor be desired to direct the committee of the lead mine at Middletown as soon as may be to forward one ton of said lead to Mr. Nathl Shaw of New London, for the use of the Colony as the Governor shall order.

[7] *Voted*, That Elij. Backus, Esqr, be employed and desired as soon as may [be,] to work and manufacture two ship anchors of twelve hundred weight each, for the use of the Colony.

Voted, That the row-galley building at N. Haven be called the Whiting.

And sundry letters prepared, copies &c., and dismissed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY IN NORWICH, MARCH 27TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor,
His Honor the D. Governor,
Jabez Huntington,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
B. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Ordered Mr. James Tilley to purchase what rope yarns he could of Mr. Evan Malbone and what yarns will be needful to furnish the Colony ship with cordage for rigging, and manufacture the same at the cheapest rate that he can.

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[8] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY APRIL FIRST, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Jed^h Elderkin, Joshua West, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted the fifteen men heretofore allowed to guard the coast of the town of Lyme in this Colony under Lieut. Lee Lay be augmented to be thirty, (officers included,) with three sergeants, and to be posted at different places on said coast by the advice and direction of his Honor the Deputy Governor.

Voted, That the number of men in Col. Gurdon Saltonstall's company in the Colony service at New London be augmented by inlistment to be ninety.

Voted, That two companies of ninety men each (officers included) be raised or draughted out of the militia to go to New London for the Colony service at New London Harbour, and that one of those [9] companies shall be raised out of the 3d ‖ regiment, and the other out of the 8th regiment of militia in this Colony and be officered out of the officers of their respective regiments with a captain, two lieutenants and one ensign to each company, observing the same ranks they sustain in the militia.

Voted, That the colonels or commanding officers of the first, fifth, eleventh, twelfth, nineteenth, twenty-first and twenty-second regiments in this Colony be directed forthwith to draught out one quarter of their men in their respective regiments (exclusive of those who are inlisted into the continental service for the current year,) and see that they are compleatly equipped with arms and accoutrements and two pound of ball to each man, fit for his gun, and six flints, and to hold themselves in readiness to march on the shortest notice for defence in any invaded place or places in this or the neighbouring Colonies; and that the colonels or commanding

officers of the third, eighth and twentieth regiments draught out or detach one third part of their men (exclusive of those inlisted in the continental service for the current year,) and see that they [10] are ‖ equipped and held in readiness in the same manner and for the same purpose aforementioned; and that one company to be raised in the 3d regiment, and one company to be raised in the 8th regiment, in manner aforesaid, be immediately employed at the Colony works at New London, and their pay, wages and allowance, when in actual service, is to be the same as of the troops in the continental army.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, APRIL 2D, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Jed^h Elderkin, Joshua West, Nathl Wales jun^r, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for three hundred and fifty pounds, in favour of Captain Uriah Hayden, to en- [11] able him to carry on ‖ the building of the Colony ship at Saybrook, and render his account when required. *The order was drawn April 2d, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Eph^m Bill for £350.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for two hundred pounds, in favour of Capt. Ephraim Bill, to enable him to promote the building and rigging the Colony ship at Saybrook, and render his account when required. *The order was drawn April 2d, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Eph^m Bill for £200.*

Voted, That Capt. Richard Dickinson of Saybrook be ordered to deliver up the several articles in his hands and custody that did belong to the brig Minerva, lately commanded by Capt. Giles Hall, to Capt. Ephraim Bill, taking his receipt for the same when delivered. *An order was given accordingly April 2d, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Bill.*

[12] Capt. Seth Harding, of the Colony brig Defence, was complained of to this Board for being guilty of intemperance, upon which he appeared, and the evidence on both sides were fully

heard and considered by his Honor the Governor and this Council, but cannot find cause to remove him.

Voted, That Mr. James Tilly be desired to purchase two tons of flax for the use of the Colony ship, for cordage.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for five hundred pounds, in favour of Col. Joshua Porter of Salisbury, to enable him to carry on the Colony works at the furnace at Salisbury, and render his account when required.

[13] *Voted*, That the selectmen of the towns in the county of N. London on the east side of Connecticut River, and the selectmen of the towns in the county of Windham, and the selectmen of the towns of East Hadam and Colchester, be directed to collect the salt peter that has been or may be manufactured in their several towns, from the manufacturers, according to the direction of the late act of this Colony in that behalf, and deliver the same to Col. Elderkin and Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Esq[rs], taking their receipt for the same.

Voted, That Capt. John McCleave is appointed Captain of the row-galley Whiting, building in New Haven, and that he take the charge and command of her accordingly.

Voted, That Israel Bishop is appointed Lieutenant of the row-galley Whiting, now building in New Haven.

[13*b*.] Voted to draw on the Pay-Table in favour of Mr. Job Winslow for three hundred pounds, for the purpose of building the row-galley at East Hadam. *An order was drawn April 2d, 1776, and delivered to Mr. Job Winslow for £300.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table, in favour of Capt. Jonathan Lester, for two hundred pounds for the purpose of building the row-galley at Norwich. *An order was drawn April 2d, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Lester for £200.*

Voted, That Capt. Josiah Burnam of Lyme is appointed Master of the brig Defence, under command of Capt. Harding.

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[14] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY APRIL 9TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Honor the D. Governor,
Jabez Huntington, }
Joshua West, } Esq[rs].
Nath[l] Wales, jun[r], }
B. Huntington, }

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table, in favor of Capt. Jonathan Lester, for one hundred pounds, for the purpose of building the row-galley at Norwich. *An order was drawn April 9th, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Lester for £100.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY APRIL 10TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.
Jabez Huntington, }
Joshua West, }
Nath[l] Wales jun[r], } Esq[rs].
B. Huntington, }

Gave an order on Nath[l] Shaw jun[r], to deliver to Capt. Seth Harding eight of the swivel guns, and fifteen hundred pounds of powder, and four hundred swivel shot, in part of what he, the said Shaw, has provided for the Colony, and take receipt accordingly. *Order delivered to Capt. Bartram.*

[15] Gave an order to Col. Jonath. Fitch to deliver to Capt. Seth Harding of the brig Defence one hundred of the six-pound shot in his hands that belong to this Colony, and take receipt. *Order delivered to Capt. Bartram.*

N. B. Mr. Ebenezer Bartram's commission as a lieutenant of the brig Defence bears date the 3d day of March, 1776.

Mr. Samuel Smedley's commission as second lieutenant on board the brig Defence bears date the 10th day of March, 1776.

Mr. Joseph Squire's commission as lieutenant of marines of the brig Defence bears date the 10th of April, 1776.

Voted, That Mr. Samuel Smedly is promoted to be Second Lieutenant of the brig Defence.

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Squire be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant of Marines on board the brig Defence.

Voted, That orders be given to Capt. Harding to proceed up sound with the brig Defence as far as Stamford, if need be, to inlist men on board said brig and to take in some shot at N. Haven, and return with all convenient speed to N. London. *Orders delivered to Capt. Bartram April 10th, 1776.*

[16] Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for two hundred pounds, in favour of Capt. Seth Harding, for the use of the brig Defence, and

to render his account. *Order drawn April 10th, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Bartram.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for two hundred and fifty pounds, in favor of Capt. Edwd Mott, for the pay and wages of the company under his command, and to render his account. *Order drawn April 10th, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Bartram.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for two hundred and fifty pounds, in favor of Capt. John Ely, for pay and wages of the company under his command, and to render his account. *Order drawn April 10th, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Bartram.*

Voted, That the men to be inlisted on board the row-galley Whiting shall be inlisted to be held in service until the first day of December, 1776, unless discharged sooner by proper authority.

Voted to draw an order on Pay-Table, in favour of Wm. Greenough and the rest of the committee for fitting out the brig Defence and building the row-galley Whiting, for the sum of seven hundred pounds, and to render their account. *Order drawn April 10th, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Rice.*

[16*b*.] Voted to draw on the Committee of Pay-Table for four hundred pounds, in favor of Col. Jonth Fitch as a commissary to furnish the brig Defence with provisions &c., and to render his account. *An order was drawn April 10th, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Rice.*

Pass'd an account in favor of Danl Lyman, Esqr, on which this Board allow the sum of nine pounds two shillings and two pence, for supporting Capt. Harding. *An order was drawn April 10th, 1776, and delivered to Capt. Rice.*

Voted, That Capt. James Rice of New Haven is joined with Capt. Isaac Sears, William Grenough and Michael Todd, as a committee for fitting out the brig Defence and building the row-galley Whiting.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table in favor of Nath^{ll} Miner, Esqr, for one hundred and fifty pounds, as he is commissary to the troops at the fort at Long Point in Stonington, and for him to render his account. *An order was drawn April 10th, 1776, and delivered to Mr. Nathan Gallup.*

[17] *Voted*, That Capt. Hezekiah Bissell and Mr. Jonathan Trumbull jun^{r} be appointed a committee to repair to N. London and consult with Commodore Hopkins about what measures to take in disposing of the continental prisoners in his custody, and also to apply to the commodore for some cannon of different sizes to mount the forts at N. London and Groton for the present, consulting with

the commanding officers and engineers in those forts about the number and sizes of the cannon wanted; also for cannon suitable and sufficient for three row-gallies.

Voted, That the committee for taking care of the prisoners at Salisbury may, at their discretion, remove the prisoners in Salisbury to any other place in Litchfield county, as they shall judge most convenient.

Voted to allow a small bill in favour of Mr. Stephen Barker of Norwich, for some iron-work done by him for the Colony, to amount of fifteen shillings, and that an order be drawn accordingly. *Order given out April 10th, 1776, delivered to Barker.*

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[18] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety April 15th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Nath^ll Wales, jun^r,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

On the memorial of Messrs. D'Oraison, Gourrige & Co., granted them liberty to purchase some convenient vessel capable to carry forty horses and load the same with horses and stores for them, fifteen barrels of pork, thirty barrels of flour, forty barrels of beef, forty firkins of hog's fat, and the residue of the cargo in lumber, of staves, heading and hoops, and proceed with the same to Cape Francois; that they have liberty according to their own undertaking and engagement, to bring into this Colony as soon as may be every kind of military and naval stores, molasses, sugar, sulphur, blankets, linen, and any kind of coarse cloths. And the Governor is desired to grant them a permit accordingly.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favour of Capt. Robert Niles, for four hundred pounds for the use of the schooner Spy, and to render his account when required. *Order drawn April 15th, 1776, and sent by Mr. S. Gray.*

Nath^ll Backus and Benj. Huntington, Esq^rs, are appointed to liquidate the schooner Spy's accounts, and make return as soon as may be.

[19] To Seth Harding, Esqr, Captain of the armed brig Defence belonging to the Colony of Connecticut:

You are hereby ordered forthwith to inlist as many men as you can at N. London for the service, to compleat the complement of one hundred and twenty men.

You are further ordered on request of Admiral Hopkins, to join the American fleet under his command and proceed with him on a short cruise against our enemies, observing such orders as shall be given by the admiral, under the same regulations as the rest of the continental fleet during the time for which the admiral may make such cruise: always subject to the orders of the General Assembly of this Colony or the further orders of the Governor and Council of Safety.

A copy of the above was sent as orders to Capt. Harding April 15th, 1776, by the hands of Mr. Simeon Gray.

To Robert Niles, Captain of the armed schooner Spy:

You are hereby ordered on request of Admiral Hopkins, to join the American fleet under his command and proceed with him on a short cruise against our enemies, observing such orders as shall be given by the admiral, under the same regulations as the rest of the continental fleet during the time for which the admiral may make such cruise: always subject to the orders of the General Assembly or the further orders of the Governor and Council of Safety.

If the admiral has no occasion for your service, you will go on to pursue the orders you have already received.

The above order was sent by Mr. S. Gray April 15th, 1776.

[20] Voted to furnish Capt. Grinell, Thaddeus Burr, Esqr, Capt. Sam^{ll} Broom, and Major David Dimon, of Fairfield, with five hundred pounds weight of powder, to set forth an armed vessel against the enemies of America. Said powder to be by them replaced or paid for in cash at the election of the General Assembly or the Governor and Council of Safety, in a reasonable time.

Voted, That Col Elderkin and Nath^{ll} Wales, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to employ some persons in proper ways to raise or procure four hundred weight of black lead at the lead mines at or near Union, for the use of cannon-founding at Salisbury, and transport the same to Salisbury for said purpose.

Voted, That Mr. David Brooks of Haddam be and he is hereby appointed Lieutenant of the row-galley under command of Capt. Tinker.

Voted, That Col. Jed^{h} Elderkin and Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to take care of and provide for the continental prisioners brought into this Colony by Admiral Hopkins and ordered to be kept in Windham county goal,

and to order, direct and govern said prisoners in the most prudent manner they can until further orders from the Continental Congress, the General Assembly, or the Governor and Council of Safety.

[21] *Voted*, That each of the row-gallies belonging to this Colony be provided with twenty lances and poles and twenty tommy-hocks or hatchets by the persons who furnish said gallies for service.

Voted, That Col. Elderkin and Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, be a committee to take care of and provide for Governor Brown and Messrs. Irving and Babbage, lately brought as prisoners from New Providence, and treat them with that humanity and kindness which is shewn to other continental prisoners of their rank or quality who are kept in this Colony.

[22] *Voted*, That Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, sheriff of N. London county, forthwith transport to the town of Windham all the prisoners committed to him by order of Capt. Hez^{h} Bissell and Mr. Jonathan Trumbull jun^{r}, a committee appointed by his Honor the Governor and his Council of Safety to take care of the prisoners lately brought to New London by Admiral Hopkins, and that said sheriff deliver said prisoners in his custody at and within the county goal in Windham in the county of Windham to the sheriff of said Windham county. And said sheriff of Windham County is hereby ordered and directed to receive all said prisoners at the hands of said N. London county sheriff, and them hold and keep in safe custody and confinement in said Windham county goal until further orders from the General Assembly or his Honor the Governor and his Council of Safety.

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[23] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety April 22d, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Nath^{ll} Wales, jun^{r},
B. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs}.

Allowed a bill in favor of Col. Samuel Abbott for £2 8 0, for service done in buying guns for the troops in the continental service last year, and ordered a draught on the Committee of Pay-

Table accordingly. *An order drawn April 22d, 1776, and delivered to Col. Jz. Huntington.*

Allowed to Benj. Huntington, Esqr, an account of £29 17 3, N. York currency, to pay for duck by him purchased for the Colony use, and ordered a draught on the Pay-Table accordingly. *Order drawn April 22d, 1776, and taken by himself.*

Voted, That his Honor the Governor is desired to write to Col. Isaac Sears to answer such draughts as Capt. Ephraim Bill shall make upon him for building and furnishing the Colony ship for service.

[24] Allowed a bill in favor of Capt. Edmund Badger for £1 12 6, L. money, for going a journey to Providence in the Colony service, and ordered a draught on the Committee of Pay-Table. *Order drawn April 22d, 1776, and delivered to Mr. Wales.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for four hundred pounds, in favour of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, for carrying on the fortifications at Groton, and render his account. *Order drawn April 22d, 1776, and delivered to Eben^{r} Ledyard, Esqr.*

Voted, That Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, in behalf of this Colony, apply to Mr. Jonathan Chester of Groton for liberty for the engineers at the fortification at Groton to survey as much of said Chester's land as shall be wanted for the use of the fort there, and agree with said Chester upon some good men to apprize such land on oath to be purchased by the Colony, and make report thereof to the General Assembly in May next.

Voted, That Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, sheriff of New London county, be and he is hereby directed forthwith to transport Thomas [25] Russell, David Arnott, Wm. Cook, and Wm. Willson, ‖ continental prisoners now in his custody, to Windham in the county of Windham, and there deliver the said prisoners to the keeper of the goal in Windham in the county of Windham within said prison, who is likewise hereby required to receive said prisoners and them safely keep within said prison until they shall come out thence by order of the Continental Congress, the General Assembly of this Colony, or of his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety.

Voted, That Col. Jed^{h} Elderkin and Nath^{ll} Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, take care of and provide for four continental prisoners now in the custody of Prosper Wetmore, sheriff of New London county, which prisoners are by order of the Governor and said Council of this date ordered to be transported to Windham county goal and confined therein until further orders.

Voted, That his Honor the Governor upon application of Capt. John Deshon be desired to draw on the Pay-Table for such sum as his Honor on consideration shall think best to allow to said Deshon for the present necessity for support of the troops at N. London. *23d April*, 1776, *order drawn for* £400.

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[26] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY APRIL 29TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Joshua West,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^ll Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

Col. Dyer and Col. Williams made report of their late journey to Philadelphia, &c. &c., and many other things discoursed &c.

Moved that a committee may be appointed to take care of the prisoners sent to Windham from on board Commodore Hopkins' fleet, and who are now confined in prison there: And thereupon Col. Eliph^t Dyer, Jed. Elderkin, Nathl Wales, Sam^ll Gray, and Constant Southworth, Esq^rs, are appointed a committee to take care of, oversee and direct the said prisoners; and if they shall think proper, to take the parole of any officers there, and suffer them to be at large, and to disperse the men as they think best, to be at labour, and on their refusal, or ill behavior of any, to be remanded and dealt with, at the discretion of said committee, according to the orders of the Governor and this Council. *Copy given.*

[27] Sim^n Gray exhibited his account for entertaining the Committee or this Council from their first meeting till this time, and for sundry services as express to sundry places, amounting in whole to £35 7 5, which is allowed and ordered to be drawn for.

Mr. Miner, the commissary for the Stonington company, present, moves for a further sum of money &c.; and voted, that the Committee of Pay-Table draw on the Treasurer for the sum of £250, for said Esq. Miner, to be improved and accounted for by him in that capacity. *And order given, delivered him.*

Voted, That an order be drawn by the Committee of Pay-Table

on the Treasurer, in favor of Wm. Lax of Norwich, to pay for iron and labour in building carriages for cannon in the Colony's use, to render his account. *Order drawn, left at the Governor's.*

Allowed Mrs. Alden's account of 13*s.* 4*d.* for entertaining Col. Dyer and Col. Elderkin several times, when attending Council &c.

Voted, That Adam Babcock, Esqr, of N. Haven, be allowed to purchase of Esq^{rs} Elderkin and Wales 200 pounds of gun-powder for the use of his privateer now fitting, and in the mean time, if need be, Col. Fitch of said town is directed to lend him the same quantity out of the Colony stores, until he can obtain and replace it from said Col. Elderkin and Wales' manufactory, or otherways. *Copy given, delivered Mr. J. Rice.*

[28] *Voted*, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for four hundred pounds, in favor of Capt. James Rice of New Haven, for expences of fitting the Colony brig and building the row-galley Whiting, and expences in the Colony service, and to render his account. *Copy given.*

Voted, That Zadock Brewster is appointed Lieutenant of the row-galley under command of Capt. Theop^{s}. Stanton.

Voted, That Capt. Theop^{s} Stanton be directed to pick out four cannon at New London for the use of the row-galley under his command, and see that the same be properly bored and fitted for service. *Copy given.*

And dismissed.

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[29] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety at Lebanon, Monday the 6th of May, A. D. 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Nath^{ll} Wales,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Joshua West, and
Benja. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Whereas his Honor the Governor has just received intelligence from the Committee of the Hon. General Assembly of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, that a large army of foreign troops hired by the ministry and powers of Great Britain to lay waste and destroy this country, are in fact on their passage to execute their bloody

orders, and in all probability near our coasts and may be daily expected, which renders it necessary that every possible preparation should be made for our own defence,

It is, therefore, resolved and ordered by this Board, That the men lately ordered to be inlisted or detached out of the first regiment and the other regiments east of Connecticut River be immediately furnished and compleatly equipped, armed and accoutred, according to the orders given for their being raised, and that they be fitted for an immediate march on any emergency. And, in order to that, the colonels or commanding officers for the time being of the aforesaid regiments are required, without any delay, to direct [30] the captains or chief officers appointed to command the ‖ several companies of said minute-men, forthwith to call their said companies together, (who are also required to yield obedience to the orders of said officers, on penalty of the law,) and said captains and officers are carefully to examine into the equipments of their said companies and diligently attend to and see that they be forthwith furnished as aforesaid. And where arms and ball cannot be otherways obtained, they shall be furnished out of the town stocks so far as may be, and arms impressed if need be, from such householders or others who shall appear to be least able and likely to make use of such arms &c. themselves, to supply such as cant be otherwise furnished; and any civil authority are to give out such impresses, on request of such captains and other officers. And every non-commission officer and soldier who shall appear and be compleatly equipped with every requisite, or shall be so equipped in a seasonable short time to the acceptance of such captains shall be intitled to a reward of one dollar, and in proportion for the value of such articles as they shall furnish themselves. And all such officers and soldiers shall be allowed a reasonable reward for the use of such arms, ammunition, blankets and knapsacks, as they shall provide for themselves, if called to and used in actual service, and shall also be allowed for the time necessarily spent in meeting together according to the direction and for the purposes of this resolve, at the same rate of wages and support as the continental army; and if called into actual service, to be upon the same pay and allowance from their march as the troops in said army. And all arms or accoutrements impress'd, found or provided for any of said companies, shall be taken care of and returned to the owners, and a reasonable allowance made for their use, and the captains are directed

to take care of the same accordingly; and if lost by inevitable providence, the value to be paid.

And it is further provided, That, if it shall be found necessary, such captain or chief officer may order said companies, or any part of them, to meet as often as necessary, in order to their being equipped as aforesaid; and all the arms and ammunition of such companies shall be deposited in some proper nearly central place of such company, by the discretion of the captain of the same, to be also a place of rendezvous for such company if and when called to actual service. And the said captains are to make return of the rolls and the state of said companies, with all their doings in the premises, forthwith to his Honor the Governor.

And whereas it is expected that the Hono. General Assembly will find it expedient to make further provision of a similar kind, with respect to drafting or inlisting minute-men for public service, the aforesaid companies may expect such limitation of time for holding themselves in readiness as aforesaid, and such allowance therefor, as the said Assembly shall see fit.

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[543] AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN SAID COLONY, ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MAY, (BEING THE NINTH DAY OF SAID MONTH,) AND CONTINUED BY SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS UNTIL THE EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE FOLLOWING, ANNOQUE DOMINI 1776.

Present:

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*

The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr,
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr,
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr, } *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

Colo John Pitkin, Col. Thomas Seymour, for Hartford.
Capt. Josiah Bissell, Capt. Henry Allyn, for Windsor.
Capt. Judah Holcomb, Mr. Benja. Farnham, for Symsbury.
Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Mr. Benoni Olcott, for East Windsor.
Capt. Joseph Brooks, Mr. Phineas Braynerd, for Haddam.
Capt. Selah Hart, Colo. Fisher Gay, for Farmington.
Mr. Reuben Sikes, Capt. Abiel Pease, for Somers.
Colo. Stephen Moulton, Capt. Sam^{ll} Davies, for Stafford.
Colo. Sam^{ll} Chapman, Capt. Solomon Wills, for Tolland.
Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, Mr. Elijah Hollister, for Glastonbury.
Mr. Daniel Brainerd, Mr. Jabez Chapman, for East Hadam.
Mr. Daniel Foot, Capt. Peter Bulkley, for Colchester.
Maj^{r} Elijah Fenton, Capt. Timothy Pearl, for Willington.
Maj^{r} Nath^{ll} Terry, Mr. Nath^{ll} Chapin, for Enfield.
Mr. Benja. Trumbull, Mr. Seth King, for Bolton.
Mr. Titus Hosmer, Colo. Comfort Sage, for Midletown.
[544] Maj^{r} John Chester, Colo. Thomas Belden, for Weathersfield.
Capt. Obadiah Horsford, Mr. Neziah Bliss, for Hebron.
Capt. John Harmon, Capt. Abraham Granger, for Suffield.

Mr. Ebenezer White, Maj^{r} John Penfield, for Chatham.
Mr. Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Colo. Jonathan Fitch, for New Haven.
Mr. Samuel Beach, Mr. Oliver Stanly, for Wallingford.
Colo. Andrew Ward jun^{r}, Mr. John Burgiss, for Guilford.
Capt. John Holbrook, Mr. Eliphalet Hotchkiss, for Derby.
Mr. Joseph Hopkins, Capt. Ezra Brownson, for Waterbury.
Mr. Ephraim Strong, Mr. Isaac Miles, for Milford.
Capt. Edward Russell, Maj^{r} William Douglas, for Branford.
Colo. Elihu Chauncey, Colo. James Wadsworth, jun^{r}, for Durham.
Richard Law Esqr, Mr. William Hilhouse, for New London.
Mr. Benja. Huntington, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, for Norwich.
Maj^{r} Samuel Selden, Mr. Marshfield Parsons, for Lyme.
Mr. Stephen Willcox, Mr. Hezekiah Lane, for Killingworth.
Capt. William Ledyard, Capt. Benadam Gallop, for Groton.
Mr. John Dean, Maj^{r} Charles Phelps, for Stonington.
Capt. Samuel Shipman, Colo. Wm. Worthington, for Saybrook.
Capt. Jeremiah Halsey, Mr. Samuel Tyler, for Preston.
Mr. Samuel Squire, Mr. Thaddeus Burr, for Fairfield.
Colo. Thomas Fitch, Mr. Thaddeus Betts, for Norwalk.
Mr. Samuel Olmsted, Colo. Philip Burr Bradley, for Ridgfield.
Colo. David Waterbury, Mr. Benjamin Weed, for Stamford.
Capt. Robert Fairchild, Colo. Ichabod Lewiss, for Stratford.
Mr. Ephraim Hubbell, Capt. Nehemiah Beardsley, for New Fairfield.
Colo. John Mead, Doct^{r} Amos Mead, for Greenwich.
Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Capt. Daniel Taylor, for Danbury.
Mr. Hezekiah Sanford, Mr. Seth Sanford, for Reading.
Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin, Mr. Samuel Webb, jun^{r}, for Windham.
Colo. William Williams, Capt. Jeremiah Mason, for Lebanon.
Colo. Experience Storrs, Capt. Amariah Williams, for Mansfield.
Mr. David Payne, Mr. John Harrick, for Canterbury.
Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Nathan Frink, for Pomfrett.

Capt. Benja. Sumner, Mr. Ezra Smith, for Ashford.
Capt. John Gordon, Mr. Ezra Crary, for Voluntown.
Capt. Elisha Childs, Mr. William Skinner, for Woodstock.
Capt. Andrew Backus, Mr. Joshua Dunlap, for Plainfield.
Capt. Stephen Crosby, Mr. Daniel Watrous, for Killingley.
Mr. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Mr. Ephraim Root, for Coventry.
Mr. Jedidiah Strong, Mr. Abraham Bradley, for Litchfield.
Mr. Daniel Sherman, Capt. Increase Mosely, for Woodbury.
Mr. John Canfield, Capt. Caleb Jewett, for Sharon.
Mr. Ephraim Bancroft, Capt. Shubael Griswold, for Torrington.
Capt. Abiel Camp, Colo. Joshua Porter, for Salisbury.
Mr. Edward Rogers, Mr. John Pierce, for Cornwall.
[545] Capt. Mathew Gillett, Capt. Isaac Kellogg, for New Hartford.
Colo. Ebenezer Norton, Mr. Asaph Hall, for Goshen.
Capt. Jethro Hatch, Capt. Moses Averill, for Kent.
Mr. John Jenkins, Capt. Solomon Strong, for Westmoreland.
Capt. John Ensign, Capt. John Watson, for Canaan.
Maj^{r} Samuel Canfield, Capt. Sherman Boardman, for New Milford.
Capt. John Willson, Mr. Josiah Phelps, for Harwington.

Erastus Wolcott, Esqr, Speaker } of the House of
Titus Hosmer, Esqr, Clerk } Representatives.

This day being appointed by the royal charter and the laws of this Colony for the Election of the public officers of the Colony, *viz:* Governor, Deputy Governor, Assistants, Treasurer, and Secretary, proclamation was made in manner accustomed, and then the votes of the freemen were given in to the persons appointed by the Assembly to receive, sort and count them, and to declare the names of such persons as shall be chosen to any of the forementioned offices according to law; which persons so appointed were, Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, Abraham Davenport, Esq^{rs}, Colo. Thomas Seymour, Maj^{r} John Chester, Mr. Oliver Stanley, Colo. Andrew Ward jun^{r}, Mr. William Hilhouse, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, Colo. Thomas Fitch, Doct

Thaddeus Betts, Mr. Samuel Webb, Mr. Ebenezer Kingsbury, Colo. Joshua Porter, Mr. John Canfield, who were all sworn to a faithful discharge of that trust.

And the votes of the freemen being brought in, sorted and counted,

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, is chosen Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, is chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony for the year ensuing.

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr, Jabez Huntington, Esqr, William Pitkin, Esqr, Roger Sherman, Esqr, Abraham Davenport, Esqr, Joseph Spencer, Esqr, Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, Samuel Huntington, Esqr, Richard Law, Esqr, and William Williams, Esqr, were chosen Assistants for the year ensuing.

John Lawrence, Esqr, is chosen Treasurer of this Colony for the year ensuing.

George Wyllys, Esqr, is chosen Secretary of this Colony for the year ensuing.

[546] The Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administred to the Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, now chosen Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, who thereupon took the Governor's chair.

The Deputy Governor's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, now chosen Deputy Governor of this Colony, who thereupon took the Deputy Governor's chair.

The Assistant's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to Jabez Hamlin, Elisha Sheldon, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Pitkin, Roger Sherman, Abraham Davenport, Joseph Spencer, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Richard Law, and William Williams, Esq^rs^, now chosen Assistants over this Colony, who thereupon took their seats at the Council Board.

The Treasurer's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administered to John Lawrence, Esqr, now chosen Treasurer of this Colony.

The Secretary's oath prescribed by the law of this Colony was duly administred to George Wyllys, Esqr, now chosen Secretary of this Colony.

Ordered, That Elisha Sheldon, Esqr, and Mr. Jedidiah Strong return the thanks of this Assembly to the Rev^{d} Mr. Judah Champion, for his sermon preached before them on the ninth day of May instant, and desire a copy of the same that it may be printed.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, to be Chief Judge of the Superior Courts in this Colony the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Dyer, Roger Sherman, William Pitkin and Samuel Huntington, Esq^{rs}, to be Judges of the Superior Courts in this Colony the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, to be Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

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This Assembly do appoint Joseph Talcott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Spencer, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of East Hadam the year ensuing.

[550] This Assembly do appoint Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Midletown the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Isaac Pinney, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stafford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Whitman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Farmington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Owen, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Symsbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint John Whiting, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Eliott, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Guilford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Huntington, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Norwich the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Charles Phelps, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stonington the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Sturgiss, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Davenport, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Stamford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Benedict, Esqr, to be

Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Danbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Williams, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Williams, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Pomfrett the year ensuing.

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This Assembly do appoint Daniel Sherman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Woodbury the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Porter, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Sharon the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Caleb Hall, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Wallingford the year ensuing.

[549] Whereas Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, is by this Assembly appointed Judge of Probate for the district of Litchfield for the year ensuing, and considering that he is now absent out of this Colony, serving as a Delegate at the Honble Continental Congress, and that it is not convenient said district should remain destitute of a judge of probate during his absence in said service: Therefore this Assembly do appoint Reuben Smith, Esqr, to be Judge of Probate for the district of Litchfield for and during the term the said Judge Wolcott shall be absent out of this Colony in the service aforesaid within the year ensuing.

Whereas Joseph Spencer, Esqr, is by this Assembly appointed Judge of Probate for the district of East Hadam for

the year ensuing, and considering he is now absent out of this Colony, serving as a Brigadier General in the army of the United Colonies, and that it is not convenient said district should remain destitute of a judge of probate during his absence in said service: Therefore this Assembly do appoint Daniel Brainerd of East Hadam, Esqr, to be Judge of Probate for the district of East Hadam for and during the term the said Judge Spencer shall be absent out of this Colony in the service aforesaid within the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Wolcott, Seth Wetmore, Samuel Talcott and Erastus Wolcott, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Hartford for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint George Wyllys, Joseph Talcott, John Pitkin, Benja. Payne, John Lawrence, Thomas Seymour, Oliver Elsworth, Jesse Root, George Pitkin, Benja. Colton, Elisha Williams, Solomon Wells, Thomas Belding, John Chester, Silas Dean, Josiah Bissell, Henry Allyn, Roger Newberry, Nathaniel Chauncey, Mathew Talcott, Titus Hosmer, Solomon Whitman, Joseph Hart, Jared Lee, John Strong, Selah Hart, Isaac Lee jun^{r}, Fisher Gay, Stephen Hotchkiss, John Owen, Judah Holcomb, Jonathan Pettibone, Hezekiah Humphry, Oliver Humphry, Asahel Holcomb, Joseph Wells, Jabez Brainerd, Joseph Brooks, William Wells, Elizur Talcott, Jonathan Wells of Glastonbury, Alexander King, John Leavitt, Daniel Brainerd, Jabez Chapman, Dyer Throop, Samuel Huntington, Samuel Eastabrook, Epaphras Lord, John Watrous, Daniel Foot, Peter Bulkley, Henry Champion of Colchester, John Phelps, Samuel Gilbert, Ephraim Terry, Edward Collins, Benjamin Talcott, Thomas Pitkin, Joel White, Samuel Cobb, Samuel Chapman, Isaac Pinney, Daniel Alden, Abner Barker, Moses Holmes, David Sage, Nathaniel Freeman, Ebenezer White, Reuben Sikes, Pelatiah Mills, Neziah Bliss, John Harmon jun^{r}, Joseph Clark, Emory Pease and David Barber, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Hartford the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Darling, John Fowler, Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Elihu Chauncey, John Whiting, Samuel Sackett, Daniel Lyman, Samuel Hemingway, David Wooster, Enos Alling, Caleb Beecher, Joel Hotchkiss, William Greenough, Lamberton Smith jun^{r}, Ephraim Strong, Gideon Buckingham, Charles French, John Davis, Eliphalet Hotchkiss, Thomas Mathews, Joseph Hopkins, Timothy Judd, Jonathan Baldwin, Samuel Lewiss, Phineas Royce, Aaron Lyman, Dan Johnson, Caleb Hall, Oliver Stanley, Reuben Atwater, Samuel Beach, Eliakim Hall, Caleb Cook, Nathaniel Ruggles, Timothy Todd, John Burgiss, Oliver Dudley, Samuel Brown, Timothy Hill, Josiah Rogers, Samuel Barker, James Barker, John Holbrook, Ebenezer Russell, Eneas Munson and Thomas Clark, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of New Haven the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Gould, Esqr, a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of New Haven for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Coit, William Hillhouse, Jeremiah Miller, and Samuel Selden, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum for the county of New London the year ensuing.

[547] This Assembly do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Jonathan Lattimer, John Hemstead, Joshua Raymond, Winthrop Saltonstall, William Whiting, Ebenezer Hartshorn, Elisha Fitch, Jacob Perkins, Simon Tracy, Elijah Backus, Benjamin Huntington, Elisha Lathrop, Christopher Leffingwell, Samuel Tracy, Rufus Lathrop, Daniel Bishop, Nathaniel Backus, Nehemiah Huntington, Samuel Leffingwell jun^{r}, William Witter, Benjamin Coit, Samuel Mott, Robert Crary, John Tyler, Roger Sterry, Joseph Denison, John Williams, Charles Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Stephen Babcock, Nathaniel Minor, Joseph Palmer, Luke Perkins, Nathan Smith, William

Williams, Benadam Gallop, William Avery, Ebenezer Ledyard, Robert Geer, Thomas Mumford, William Morgan, David Avery, Benjamin Lee, John Lay 2d, Samuel Ely, Samuel Holden Parsons, Eleazer Mather, William Noyes, Richard Wait, Ezra Selden, John Murdock, Hezekiah Whittelsey, John Shipman, Justus Buck, Benjamin Williams, William Worthington, Samuel Field, Elnathan Stephens, Aaron Eliott, John Pierson, Theophilus Morgan, Jonathan Palmer, and Hezekiah Lane, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of New London the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Adams, Robert Fairchild, Joseph Platt and Joseph Platt Cook, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint William Samuel Johnson, John Brooks, Daniel Judson, Ichabod Lewiss, David Wilcoxson, Daniel Fairchild, James Walker, Philip Nichols, Joseph Strong, Gold Silleck Silliman, Nathan Bulkley, Jonathan Sturges, Abraham Andrews, Ebenezer Banks, Joseph Bradley, Samuel Wakeman, Thomas Fitch, Thomas Belden, Theophilus Fitch, Thomas Youngs, Charles Webb, David Water bury jun^{r}, Benjamin Weed, John Mead, Amos Mead, Peter Mead, Messenger Palmer, David Wood, Samuel Olmsted, Philip Burr Bradley, Daniel Cooley, Thomas Benedict, Daniel Taylor, Thaddeus Benedict, Samuel Taylor, Nehemiah Beardsley, Thomas Brush, Ephraim Hubbell, Zacheus Towner, Alexander Stewart, John Read, Lemuel Sanford jun^{r}, William Hawley, Richard Fairman, John Chandler, Henry Peck, Samuel Squier, Andrew Rowland, Mathew Mead of Norwalk, Caleb Baldwin 2d, Thaddeus Betts, and David Cooley, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Fairfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Fitch, Ebenezer Williams, and Ebenezer Devotion [Esq^{rs},] to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and for the county of Windham for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jedidiah Elderkin, Samuel Gray, Nath[ll] Wales jun[r], Hezekiah Manning, Jacob Simons, Benajah Bill, John Clark, Thomas Williams, John Grosvenor, Samuel Craft, Nathan Frink, Joseph Storrs, John Salter, Constant Southworth, Phineas Strong, Ephraim Root, Abraham Burnap jun[r], Elijah Dyer, Eliashib Adams, James Bradford, Nathaniel Childs jun[r], Samuel Childs jun[r], Jedidiah Morse, Charles Church Chandler, Elijah Whiting, Benjamin Sumner, Jacob Dresser, Thomas Moffatt, Bryant Brown, William Denison, Robert Dixon, Samuel Stewart, Abner Sessions, Solomon Wales, James Gordon, David Payne, and John Douglass, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Windham the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint James Pinneo jun[r], Esq[r], a Justice of the Peace for the county of Windham for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Trumbull jun[r], Esq[r], a Justice of the Peace for the county of Windham for the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Increase Mosely, Daniel Sherman, Bushnell Bostwick, and Joshua Porter, Esq[rs], to be Justices of the Peace and Quorum within and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

[548] This Assembly do appoint Jacob Woodruff, Isaac Baldwin, David Welch, Reuben Smith, Andrew Adams, Daniel Everitt, Benjamin Hinman, Gideon Walker, Thomas Warner, Joseph Pierce, Edward Hinman, Samuel Bostwick, Samuel Canfield, Joseph Ruggles, William Cogswell, John Ransom, Daniel Lee, Nathan Eliott, Ephraim Hubbel jun[r], Daniel Griswold of Sharon, John Canfield, Joseph Lord, James Landon, John Hutchinson, Charles Burrall, Elisha Baker, Samuel Forbes, Thomas Russell, Heman Swift, Thomas Porter, Samuel Nash, Ebenezer Norton, Abijah Catlin, Daniel Catlin, John Cook, Ephraim Sheldon, Mathew Gillett, Zebulon Merrell, Michael Humphry, Giles Pettibone, Nehemiah Andruss of Hartland, Zebulon Butler, Nathan Dennison, William Judd, Uriah Chapman of Westmoreland, John Jen-

kins, and Abel Hine, Esq^{rs}, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Sluman, Esqr, to be a Justice of Peace for the county of Litchfield the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Sluman, Esqr, to be Judge of the Court of Probate for the district of Westmoreland the year ensuing.

This Assembly do appoint Lemuel Gustin to be Surveyor of Lands for the county of Litchfield.

An Act for establishing Naval Offices in this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Governor for the time being shall be Naval Officer in this Colony.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be kept at the port of New London one naval office, at the port of New Haven one other naval office, at the port of Midletown one other naval office, and at the port of Norwalk one other naval office; and that the Governor for the time being depute some proper person at each of said ports as naval officers, and take bond with sufficient surety in the sum of one thousand pounds for the faithful discharge of their duty therein, to enter and clear out vessels and their cargoes, and to do and act therein in such way and manner and according to such rules and orders as to such their offices respectively appertain.

Whereas it is recommended by the Honorable Continental Congress to the several legislatures in the United Colonies, as soon as possible, to erect courts of justice or give jurisdiction to the courts now in being, for the purpose of determining concerning captures &c., and to provide that all tryals in such case be had by a jury, under such qualifications as to the respective legislatures shall seem expedient,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority

of the same, That the respective county courts in this Colony be and they are hereby authorized, impowered, constituted and appointed, to try, judge and determine, by jury or otherwise, as in other cases, concerning all captures that have or shall be taken and brought into said respective counties. And that the civil law, the laws of nations, and the resolutions of Congress, be the rule of their adjudications, determinations and proceedings therein. And said respective county courts are hereby authorized and impowered, to constitute and appoint such proper officers under them as they shall find necessary and expedient for the purposes aforesaid.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That appeals be allowed to the Continental Congress, under the restrictions and agreeable to the directions and resolves of said Congress. And that the fees for said court and the respective officers thereof be reasonable and such as are customary in the neighbouring Colonies, or may be established by said Congress or by this Assembly. And the judge of said respective county courts is hereby authorized to call said court for said purpose at any place within the respective counties, as shall be most convenient and expedient.

[551] An Act for repealing an Act of this Colony intituled An Act against High Treason.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the aforesaid act, and every part and paragraph thereof, be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

An Act in Alteration of an Act intituled An Act prescribing Forms of Writs, Processes, &c.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for the future all writs and processes in law or equity shall issue in the name of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut, instead of his Majesty's name; and that in all summonses, attachments or other processes before an Assistant or justices of the peace, the words "One of his Majesty's justices of the peace" be omitted; and that instead thereof be inserted "Justice of the peace"; and that

no writ or process shall have or bear any date save the year of our Lord Christ only; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act in Alteration of an Act entituled An Act for prescribing and establishing Forms of Oaths in this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the several forms of oaths here following be and they are hereby established, to be taken and administred unto the several and respective officers and persons for whom they are appointed, as followeth:

For the Freemen, viz.

You, A. B. being by the providence of God an inhabitant within this Colony of Connecticut, and now to be made free of the same, do swear by the ever living God to be true and faithfull to the Governor and Company of said Colony and the government thereof as now established and is expressed by charter; and whensoever you shall give your vote or suffrage touching any matter which concerns this Colony, being called thereunto, you will give it as in your conscience you shall judge will conduce to the best good of the same, without respect of persons or favour of any man: So help you God.

For the Grand Jurors, viz.

You do swear by the name of the ever living God, that you will diligently enquire after and true presentment make of all breaches of law that shall come to your knowledge according to your charge, unless some religious tye of conscience surely bottomed upon the word of God bind you to secrecy; the secrets of the cause, your own and your fellows, you duly observe and keep. You will present no man for envy, hatred or malice, neither will you leave any man unpresented for love, fear, favour or affection, or in hope of reward, but you will present things truly as they come to your knowledge, according to the best of your understanding and according to the laws of this Colony: So help you God.

For the Petit Jurors, viz.

You swear by the ever living God, that without respect of persons or favour of any man, you shall well and truly try and true deliverance make between the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut and the prisoner at the

bar whom you shall have in charge, according to your evidence and the laws of this Colony: So help you God.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the forms of the oaths in said act established for freemen, grand jurors and petit jurors, and the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, be and are hereby repealed and made null and void; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[552] An Act in Alteration of one Paragraph of an Act intituled An Act for preventing and punishing Riots and Rioters.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the form of the proclamation prescribed by said act be and the same is hereby altered, and that instead of the form in said act inserted be the following, *viz:* The Governor and Company of this Colony charge and command all persons assembled immediately to disperse themselves and peacibly to depart to their habitations or to their lawful business, upon the pains and penalties contained in the act or law of this Colony intituled An act for preventing and punishing riots and rioters. And the persons authorized by said act for the future shall make use of the foregoing form, instead of the form by said act prescribed and directed.

An Act for reviving an Act made and passed by the General Assembly of this Colony on the second Thursday of May 1774, entituled An Act in Addition to and Alteration of an Act made and passed by the General Assembly held at Hartford on the second Thursday of May 1773, relative to the Tryal and Decision of Matters in Equity.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That said act be revived, and the same is hereby revived and to be and continue in force until the rising of this Assembly in May 1778.

An Act in Alteration of the Act entituled An Act for punishing and preventing Oppression.

Whereas in and by said act it is among other things provided, that the authority to whom each complaint is made shall appoint and call before him or them two or three of the same occupation or trade the person is of who is complained of for oppression, which mode of tryal is found inadequate to remedy the evil intended,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That when any person or persons shall make complaint of oppression done by any other person or persons in the matters in said act mentioned, whatsoever, the authority to whom such complaint shall be made shall appoint and call before him or them two or three indifferent judicious freeholders of the same town the person is of who is complained of, who shall be sworn to give their judgment and opinion and proceed in all respects as the said persons of the same trade and occupation were in and by said act directed to do; anything in said act contained notwithstanding.

An Act in further Addition to an Act entituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all the troops of horse in this Colony shall be formed into regiments of light horse, as followeth, *viz:* That the troops of horse in the first, second, sixth, seventh, tenth and twenty-third regiments of militia be and they are hereby made and declared to be one entire and distinct regiment of light horse, and shall be distinguished and called by the name of the first regiment. That the troops of horse in the third, eighth, twelfth, twentieth and twenty-fifth regiments of militia be and they are hereby made and declared to be one entire and distinct regiment of light horse, and shall be distinguished and called by the name of the second regiment. That the troops of horse in the fourth, ninth and sixteenth regiments of militia be and they are hereby declared to be one entire and distinct regiment of light horse, and shall be distinguished and called by the name of the third regiment. That the troops of horse in the fifth, eleventh, nineteenth, twenty-first and twenty-second regiments of militia be and they are hereby declared to be one entire and distinct regiment of light horse, and shall be distinguished and called by the name of the fourth regiment. That the troops of horse [553] in the thirteenth, fourteenth, || fifteenth, seventeenth

and eighteenth regiments of militia be and they are hereby delared to be one entire and distinct regiment of light horse, and shall be distinguished and called by the name of the fifth regiment.

That there shall be only one colonel and one lieutenant-colonel to command the whole, and one major in each of said regiments from time to time appointed by the General Assembly, who shall be commissioned by the Governor of this Colony for the time being; and the said colonel, lieutenant colonel, and the major of each of said regiments, shall be subject to the command of the general or commander in chief of the militia for the time being, and shall have the same duty, powers and authority as the officers of the same rank in the regiments of militia already by law have. And said regiments of light horse shall be liable to such regimental duty as the regiments of militia are already by law liable.

And be it further enacted, That every trooper already inlisted in any troop of light horse in this Colony shall equip himself with arms and accoutrements according to law, within three months next after the rising of this Assembly; and that every person that shall hereafter inlist into any of said troops of light horse shall within six months next after his inlistment equip and accoutre himself as aforesaid; and in default thereof such trooper or troopers shall be reduced to the foot company or companies within the limits of which they inhabit, and be liable to do duty in the same as he or they were before they inlisted into such troop as aforesaid; any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for the Alteration of the Penalty of the Law of this Colony entituled An Act in Addition to the Law of this Colony entituled An Act for the Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Whereas it is provided in said act that in case any soldier shall disobey orders given him by any colonel or chief officer of any regiment, pursuant to orders given &c. by the Captain-General for the time being, relative to marching for the defence of any towns or places in this or the neighbouring governments attacked by an enemy or in danger thereof, such

soldier so refusing shall be liable to suffer the penalty of forty shillings only; which is found not to be adequate to the merit of the offence: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whensoever any soldier or soldiers belonging to any of the regiments in this Colony shall refuse to muster and march according to orders given him by his commanding officer for the purposes mentioned in said acts, such soldier so refusing shall suffer the penalty of ten pounds, lawful money, for the use of the Colony; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for making and naming a new District for a Court of Probate in this Colony and erecting a Court of Probate therein.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the town of Wallingford and that part of Branford known and called by the name of Northford shall be one entire district of or for a court of probate, and shall be called and known by the name of the District of Wallingford; and that in said district there shall be a court of probate held by one judge, to be appointed and commissioned for that purpose according to law, who shall have a clerk by him to be appointed and sworn to that office; which court shall have and exercise the same powers, authorities and privileges that the other courts of probate in the Colony by law have and are respectively vested with. And all appeals from said court of probate shall be regulated and governed according to the order and directions of the law respecting appeals from the courts of probate in this Colony.

Provided nevertheless, That all matters and business that hath been begun, entered or depending in the courts of probate in the districts of New Haven and Guilford shall be issued and finished in the courts of probate for the districts of New Haven and Guilford as though this act had not been made; anything therein contained notwithstanding.

An Act in further Addition to the Law of this Colony entituled An Act for forming and regulating the Militia and for Encouragement of Military Skill for the better Defence of this Colony.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, [554] That the military companies in the towns of || East Hadam and Colchester, except the company in the society of Marlborough, shall be and they are hereby made and constituted a distinct and entire regiment, and shall be called and known by the name of the twenty-fifth regiment, and shall have and enjoy all the privileges and be under the same regulations as the other regiments in this Colony by law have and are subject to.

An Act for the more effectual Carrying into Execution the several Acts relative to the Making of Salt Petre and Gun Powder within this Colony

Whereas by an act of this Assembly in May 1775, there was a premium of four shillings on the pound granted for all salt petre made in this colony before the first day of June 1776, and in December 1775, a bounty or premium of two shillings on the pound for all salt petre manufactured in this Colony from and after the first day of June 1776, and before the first day of January 1777, and that inspectors should be appointed to view and inspect the same and administer an oath and certify as therein directed, and purchase and receive the same for the use of the Colony; and by a further act in the same sessions it was resolved that the selectmen in each town within this Colony shall be the inspectors of salt petre, with all the powers and authorities by said acts given to inspectors of salt petre, &c.: but no time being mentioned in said acts for delivering the salt petre to the inspectors, nor price affixed for the purchase; and sundry other regulations being necessary to carry the aforesaid acts into execution,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That for all the salt petre made in this Colony before the first day of June 1776, on which the premium of four shillings on the pound is claimed, shall be delivered for inspection to the selectmen authorized and impowered to in-

spect the same, or be by them inspected, within fifteen days at farthest after the last day of May instant; and that after the first day of June the manufacturer producing the same for inspection shall make oath before the inspector or inspectors that the said nitre or salt petre produced as aforesaid was made and manufactured before the first day of June, otherwise it shall be considered as made after; and that all the salt petre made as aforesaid after the last day of May and before the first day of January next, in order to be entituled to the premium of two shillings on the pound shall be treated and conducted in the same manner having respect to the first day of January as before to the first day of June; and that upon the whole it shall be the duty of the inspector or inspectors carefully to see that all the salt petre offered or delivered to them for inspection be pure, clean and dry, and free from any corrupt mixture before they give any certificate of the same, and on the same being so found shall give a certificate thereof with the other requisites before either the premium or purchase money shall be paid therefor; and the salt petre produced to the inspectors as aforesaid shall be delivered in casks or other packages proper and sufficient for transportation to the powder works, with the maker's name and the name of the town wherein made fairly marked thereon.

And be it further enacted, That for all the salt petre made and manufactured in this Colony before the first day of January next, inspected and found to be pure, clean, dry and unmixed, and fit for use according to law, and so delivered to the inspector or inspectors in proper packages marked as aforesaid, for the use of this Colony, shall be paid therefor out of the Colony treasury the sum of three shillings per pound for every pound, only deducting therefrom one halfpenny on each pound delivered as aforesaid, as a general estimate on the whole for transportation to the respective powder-mills erected and allowed in this colony, and for other charges attending the same.

Provided nevertheless, That all persons who have made and manufactured salt petre and have already procured the

same to be inspected and delivered to the inspectors for the use of this Colony shall be entituled to receive the price aforesaid therefor, notwithstanding the same may not be put up in casks or packages marked as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That the several inspectors convey and deliver with all convenient dispatch all the salt petre by them received as aforesaid to the owner or owners of the several powder-mills in this Colony, assigned by the Governor and Committee of Safety for the time being to receive the same, taking his or their receipt therefor, and the same transmit and lodge with the Committee of Pay-Table; and the inspector or inspectors performing their duty as aforesaid shall be entituled to a reasonable allowance for his or their trouble and services as aforesaid, to be adjusted by the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall order payment of the same accordingly.

And to the intent that all frauds and impure or corrupt mixtures may be detected, and the persons concerned therein be duly punished,

Be it enacted, That the inspector or inspectors delivering, as also the owner, owners or overseers of the powder-mills receiving the salt petre as aforesaid, shall make and keep a true, just and fair entry of all the salt petre delivered and received as aforesaid, and the names of the makers thereof; and whoever shall be found guilty and be convicted of any [555] fraudulent and impure mixture in the salt petre by || them made and delivered for inspection aforesaid shall forfeit to the Treasurer of this Colony the value of the premium and pay granted and allowed on the salt petre in which such mixture shall be found. And the owner or owners of the several powder-mills shall well and truly and faithfully make up or cause to be made all the salt petre delivered to them as aforesaid into good merchantable powder, well dryed fit for use, and find all the other materials necessary therefor, and the same put up in good tight sizable casks, which shall contain either one hundred, one half or one quarter hundred weight of powder, each marked with the just and true weight of the cask, and also with the initial letters of the maker's

name, and the same deliver to the Governor and Committee of Safety of this Colony, or to their order for the use of this Colony, and shall receive therefor out of the Colony treasury at the rate of nine dollars per hundred for every hundred weight of good merchantable powder made and delivered as aforesaid, upon a certificate thereof had and obtained of the Governor or Governor and Committee of Safety produced to the Committee of Pay-Table of this Colony.

Be it further enacted, That the Governor and Committee of Safety for the time being from time to time order and give directions for the dispositions of all their powder made at the several powder-mills within this Colony, and if need be erect convenient houses for the reception of the same in such places as they think proper.

The form of the Oath as follows, viz.

You A. B. do swear by the ever living God, that the salt petre by you now exhibited to be inspected was made and manufactured out of materials collected within this Colony by you or on your account, and that the same was manufactured before the first day of . . ., and that no certificate hath been obtained or given therefor: So help you God.

The form of the Certificate as follows, viz.

This may certify, that a quantity of salt petre offered for inspection by A. B. of H., the maker thereof, amounting to weight, is well and carefully inspected, and according to best judgment and skill the same is found to be pure, clean and dry, free from any corrupt mixture; the said A. B. having made oath according to the direction of the law in such case made and provided; which salt petre is received for the use of the Colony. Dated at H day of A.D.

Selectman
or
Selectmen.

Whereas the article of Salt is of great importance and necessity for the use of the inhabitants of this Colony, and the obtaining the same in the usual way of importation is rendered difficult and uncertain: It is therefore judged necessary to encourage the manufacturing thereof in this Colony.

Whereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, That the sum of one hundred pounds be paid out of the public treasury of this Colony to the person or persons that shall erect proper works and vats for the making and manufacturing common salt within this Colony, and shall actually make therein the first five hundred bushels of good merchantable salt; and that the sum of eighty pounds shall in like manner be paid to the person or persons that shall erect and set up proper works and vats within this Colony and make and manufacture therein the second five hundred bushels of such salt. That the sum of sixty pounds shall in like manner be paid to the person or persons that shall erect and set up proper works and vats within this Colony and make and manufacture therein the third five hundred bushels of such salt; and that the sum of forty pounds shall in like manner be paid to the person or persons who shall erect and set up proper works and vats within this Colony and make and manufacture therein the fourth five hundred bushels of such salt: provided said several quantities of salt be made and manufactured and a certificate under oath or other proper evidence thereof be produced by or before the first day of October 1777.

And it is further resolved, That as soon as any person or persons shall make and manufacture either of the aforesaid quantities of salt and produce a certificate under oath or other proper evidence thereof shall be entituled to receive the premium for the same.

An Act for raising and equipping a Body of Minute Men to be held in Readiness for the better Defence of this Colony and for repealing an Act of the same Title made and passed by this Assembly in December, 1775.

Whereas the English American Colonies are threatned with the immediate exertion of ministerial power and rage, and their utmost efforts are making to reduce us to bondage and slavery by their own and foreign and additional troops, which may be daily expected to invade and attempt to lay waste this country with fire and sword: It is therefore of great importance for the salvation of this country, that its inhabitants should be put into the best situation for self-defence and preservation.

Therefore be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That one third part of the 2d, 3d, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 20th regiments, and one quarter part of the other regiments of the militia, or a number equivalent thereto, [556] || be forthwith inlisted or detached from the limits of the several regiments in this Colony, to be held in readiness for the defence of this or any of the adjoining Colonies.

And that the same may be speedily effected,

Be it further enacted, That the colonels or chief officers of the respective regiments shall forthwith order the chief officer of each company in their respective regiments to convene their several companies, and also give notice to and request the attendance at the same time and place of all others within the limits thereof who are obliged to keep arms and are between sixteen and fifty-five years of age, and being so convened to inlist out of any of them or otherwise, as soon as may be, the number aforesaid, if he and they shall be able.

And be it further enacted, That if a sufficient number shall not voluntarily offer and inlist as aforesaid, the captain or chief officer, with the advice and assistance of the other commission officers of such company, shall forthwith detach and impress out of said company of militia such number of able-bodied men as shall appear to be wanting of the inlisted men to make up the complement aforesaid; and every man so detached shall be considered and holden in the same manner, and for the same purposes, and perform the same duties as the volunteers inlisting as aforesaid, on penalty of ten pounds to be forfeited to the Treasurer of this Colony, to be recovered by bill, plaint or information, in any court proper to try the same. And the said captains or chief officers of said companies shall immediately execute said orders and make returns of their doings to the chief officer of their respective regiments; and thereupon the field officers of each regiment of militia shall form said men into distinct companies, consisting of about sixty-eight rank and file each, and shall thereupon, with the advice of the captains and commission officers of the several companies of their respective regi-

ments, nominate officers for said new-formed companies, *viz:* one captain, two lieutenants, and one ensign, out of such as have born or do sustain commissions of equal rank, and make return of such choice with a muster roll of the companies to his Honor the Governor, who on receipt thereof is authorized to commissionate the proper officers accordingly.

And be it further enacted, That his Honor the Governor, with the advice of the Committee of Safety, be and he is hereby authorized and desired to form said companies into distinct regiments, and especially appoint and impower such of the field officers of the militia to take command of such new-formed regiments as he shall think proper and expedient.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each of such officers and soldiers shall completely equip themselves with a good musket and bayonet, half a pound of powder, two pounds of bullets fit for his gun, six flints, a powder horn and a cartouch box, and also a good blanket and knapsack, to the acceptance of the captain, and the same hold in constant readiness for service, for which they shall be allowed and paid a premium of forty shillings each; and the captain of each company shall procure a drum and fife for the use of the same, for which he shall be paid by the Colony, and at the end of the service said captain shall secure the same for the use of the Colony. And it shall be the duty of the captains and commission officers of said companies carefully to attend to and see that their said companies are forthwith completely furnished with arms and equipped as aforesaid; and to that end they are authorized and directed to call them together, and such part of them as they shall find needful, as often as necessary, to examine their equipments and see that they are furnished as aforesaid. And said companies when collected may choose their non-commissioned officers. And if any of said minute men shall not be able to furnish his arms as aforesaid, and they cannot be otherwise obtained, such deficiency may be supplied by impressing the same; and any proper civil authority on application by the captain for that purpose shall grant warrants

accordingly, in which case such deficient soldier shall receive but half the aforesaid premium, and the owner shall receive such reward for the use of such arms so impressed as this Assembly shall judge reasonable, according to the nature and length of the service to which it shall be put, and if lost or damaged therein the value to be paid. And the powder and ball used in service shall be paid for or found by the Colony, and where it cannot otherwise be had, the ball shall be supplied by the towns. And said officers and minute men shall be allowed for the time necessarily spent in meeting for the purposes aforesaid, at the rate of pay and billeting as allowed for the troops heretofore raised by order of this Assembly.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officers and soldiers of the regiments and companies raised and formed as aforesaid shall hold themselves in constant readiness to march at the shortest notice, for the defence of this or any of the adjoining colonies, in obedience to the orders of the Captain General of this Colony and other their superior officers; and when they are called out into actual service shall have and receive like wages and billeting allowance and be subject to the same laws and regulations as those to which the other officers and soldiers already raised and inlisted for defence of this Colony by order of the General Assembly are intituled or subjected.

And be it further enacted, That the regiments and companies raised and formed as aforesaid shall be exempted from military duty in any other regiment or company, and shall continue to be held under the aforesaid regulations during the pleasure of this Assembly, not exceeding one year from and after the first day of June next, and shall then be disbanded and return into the regiments and companies of militia to which they respectively belong, and be again subject to military duty therein, said inlistment or detachment notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, that the provisions of this act shall not extend to include or affect the 24th regiment of militia in the Colony.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the

[557] third part of the third, || eighth and twentieth regiments, and quarter part of the militia in the first regiment, and the rest on the east side of Connecticut River lately ordered by his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety to be drafted, equipped and held in readiness according to such order shall be on the same footing, encouragement, allowance and regulation, in every respect as in this act is provided, including the premium allowed by the order of the Governor and Committee of Safety: provided nevertheless, that any of the men who were detached or impressed by virtue of said order, and shall not voluntarily inlist upon the incouragement of this act, may be released unless it shall be found necessary to retain or detach them, or any part of them, to fill up the complement as required by this act within their respective limits.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act entituled An act for raising and equipping a body of minute men to be held in readiness for the better defence of this Colony, made and passed by this Assembly in December 1775, be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

And be it further enacted and provided, That any minute companies which may have been formed by virtue of said repealed act and their officers chosen and commissioned accordingly shall be considered as part of the minute men directed by this act to be raised, and in lieu of so many within the limits to which they belong; and such companies shall be under the same regulations and advantages, including the premium allowed by said former act, as if they had been raised by virtue of this act.

Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the companies of minute men raised by virtue of this act shall not be continued in actual service more than the term of three months at one time before they are relieved or permitted to return home; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further provided, That the premiums aforesaid shall not be paid until such officers and soldiers shall be

compleatly equipped as by this act is required. And as it is not reasonable that any should avail themselves of the aforesaid premiums and not be ready and able to perform the service which it is meant and given to encourage: therefore, if any of such minute men having received such premium shall inlist into or engage in either of the regiments now ordered to be raised by this Assembly, or any other already raised and in service, he shall be liable to refund such premium, or to have the same deducted from his wages in said regimental service.

An Act for raising a Battalion or Regiment of Troops within this Colony to march to Boston or elsewhere in Pursuance of a Requisition now made by the Honble Continental Congress for the Defence of the United Colonies.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That one regiment or battalion of troops shall be forthwith raised in this Colony by voluntary inlistment, for the defence of this and the rest of the United Colonies as the case may require, to consist of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, and eight companies with one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four sergeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and seventy-six privates to each company, and a staff to consist of one chaplain, one adjutant, one quarter-master, one surgeon and one surgeon's mate; and that the said officers and soldiers shall be under the same command, laws and regulations, that the continental troops now are, and shall have and be intituled to the same pay, wages and allowances, billeting and provisions, and the same premiums for arms, accoutrements, blankets and knapsacks, from the date of their commissions and inlistments, as the continental troops now in service under the immediate command of his Excellency General Washington have and do receive; and that said battalion, or such part as may be, be inlisted for and holden in said service the term of two years from the 14th of May inst., unless sooner discharged by Congress, in which case they shall be allowed one months pay on their discharge; or if they cannot be prevailed on to engage for that term, that they or any part of them be inlisted for one

year only from said 14th of May, and be accordingly holden unless sooner discharged as aforesaid.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony have at this session enacted that one regiment or battalion of troops shall be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment, pursuant to a request of the Honble Continental Congress, and for continental service, and that said troops may inlist for one or two years, as they choose, from the 14th day of May instant, unless sooner discharged by said Congress &c.: For the encouragement of such able bodied effective men as shall incline to engage in said service,

It is resolved by this Assembly, That the pay of each sergeant shall be 48*s*., each corporal 44*s*., each drummer 44*s*., each fifer 44*s*., and each private 40*s*. per calendar month during their service, and shall have one months pay advanced before they march, and be allowed one penny per mile for marching expences out and home, also twelve shillings to each man who shall supply himself with a good blanket and take the same away with him at the end of the campaign, and such further encouragements as are allowed by said Congress to the forces now raising for continental service.

[558] An Act for raising two Regiments of Troops within this Colony for the special Defence of the Same.

Whereas the present alarming movements and appearances of the ministerial army and navy are such as render it highly probable that a sudden attack will soon be made by them upon this and the neighbouring Colonies for the most hostile and destructive purposes: Which to prevent,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That one regiment of the inhabitants of this Colony shall be immediately raised by voluntary inlistment; and that the troops already raised at and about New London and New Haven shall in the same way be augmented into a second regiment, for the special defence of this and the neighbouring Colonies as the case may require; each of said regiments to consist of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major,

and eight companies with one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer and one fifer, and seventy-six privates to each company; and a staff to consist of one chaplain, one adjutant, one quarter-master, one surgeon and one surgeon's mate to each regiment; and the same pay, wages and allowance, billeting and provisions, and the same premiums for supplying themselves with arms and accoutrements, blankets and knapsacks, shall be given to them whilst in service of this Colony as were given and allowed by this Colony to the troops raised by this Assembly in April 1775, and shall be under the same laws and regulations; and said regiments when raised shall be holden until the first day of January next, unless sooner discharged, and shall be marched and stationed from time to time as the Captain-General shall order and direct, according to the exigencies of publick affairs, and be subject to join the continental army if ordered by the Captain-General or Commander-in-Chief, in which case both officers and soldiers shall be under the same laws, regulations, pay, wages and allowances, in all respects as the troops in the continental army shall then be under, and be subject to the same general command during their junction with said army.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such troops raised as aforesaid as shall neglect or be unable to furnish arms and accouter themselves for the premium aforesaid shall be furnished, armed and accoutered in the same way and manner as the troops raised by this Assembly in July last were furnished and provided for.

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony in their present session enacted that one regiment of the inhabitants of this Colony be immediately raised by voluntary enlistment, and that the troops at and about New London and New Haven shall in the same way be augmented into a second regiment for the special defence of this and the neighbouring Colonies, and be subject to join the continental army if ordered by the Captain-General or Commander-in-Chief as the case may require, and to be holden in said service until the

first day of January next unless sooner discharged: And for the encouragement of such able bodied and effective men as shall voluntarily inlist themselves into said service to the acceptance of proper officers,

Resolved by this Assembly, That every such person as aforesaid on such inlistment shall be intituled to twelve shillings premium, in case he supply himself with a blanket, knapsack and cloathing to the acceptance of his captain, and one months pay advanced. That each serjeant shall receive forty-eight shillings, each corporal, drummer and fifer forty-four shillings, and each private forty shillings, per calendar month, for wages during their continuance in said service. That each man so inlisted as aforesaid who shall provide arms for himself, well fixed with a good bayonet and cartouch box, shall be paid a premium of ten shillings, and in case such arms are lost by inevitable providence such man so providing himself shall be allowed and paid the just value of such arms and implements so lost, deducting said premium of ten shillings, said premium of ten shillings to be paid as soon as such man shall be so provided as aforesaid. A particular account shall be taken of all the arms that may be used and the same apprized by indifferent judges. And each man so engaging as aforesaid shall upon his inlistment be intituled to six pence *per diem* for billeting-money until he is otherwise provided for by the public.

And it is further resolved by this Assembly, That if said troops to be raised as aforesaid, or any part of them, shall by order of the Captain-General or Commander-in-Chief join the continental army or be taken into continental service or pay, they shall be intituled to the same wages to be continued as above and be allowed one penny per mile out and home for marching expences. And every man in the continental service who shall provide himself with a good blanket shall receive twelve shillings, L. money, therefor, and take it away with him at the end of the campaign, and have such other encouragement as will be given to the continental troops.

[559] This Assembly do appoint Andrew Ward, Esqr, Colonel, Obadiah Johnson, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, and William Douglas, Esqr, Major of the regiment now to be raised in this Colony and to serve in the Continental army.

This Assembly do appoint David Waterbury Junr, Esqr, Colonel, Comfort Sage, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Oliver Smith of Stonington, Esqr, Major of the regiment now to be raised and stationed at and near New London.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Hinman, Esqr, Colonel, Philip Burr Bradley, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, and David Dimon, Esqr, Major of a regiment now to be raised for the defence of this Colony.

This Assembly appoints Joseph Thomson, of New Haven, Captain, Samuel Wilmott, of New Haven, 1st Lieutenant, John Prudden, jun^{r}, of Milford, 2d Lieutenant, Edward Tiley, of New Haven, Ensign, of a company in a regiment to be raised and stationed at and about New London and New Haven.

Jonathan Wells, of Hartford, Captain, David Johnson, East Windsor, 1st Lieutenant, Howell Woodbridge, Glastonbury, 2d Lieutenant, Roger Bull, of Weathersfield, Ensign, of a company.

Abiel Pease, Somers, Captain, Thomas Abby, Enfield, 1st Lieutenant, Israel Converse, Stafford, 2d Lieutenant, Abner Wood, Stafford, Ensign, of a company.

Eliphalet Bulkley, Colchester, Captain, Ithamar Harvey, E. Haddam, 1st Lieutenant, Richard Johnson, Haddam, 2d Lieutenant, David Spencer, E. Haddam, Ensign, of a company.

This Assembly appoints Noah Phelps, Symsbury, Captain, Consider Williston, Suffield, 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Carver, Bolton, 2d Lieutenant, Samuel Smith, E. Windsor, Ensign, of a company in a regiment ordered to be raised for the service of the Continent.

Noadiah Hooker Captain, John Skinner 1st Lieutenant,

Peleg Heath 2d Lieutenant, Lemuel Hotchkiss Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

John Ripley Captain, Andrew Fitch 1st Lieutenant, Nath[ll] Wales 3d 2d Lieutenant, Ichabod Bosworth Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Waterman Clift Captain, Daniel Allen 1st Lieutenant, Nathaniel Morgan 2d Lieutenant, Jonathan Nichols jun[r] Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Abner Pryor Captain, James Steel 1st Lieutenant, Jonathan Parker 2d Lieutenant, Benjamin Henshaw jun[r] Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

[560] James Dana Captain, Elijah Sharp 1st Lieutenant, Squire Hill 2d Lieutenant, Ephraim Kingsbury Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

James Arnold Captain, Samuel Barker jun[r] 1st Lieutenant, Nathaniel Burrell 2d Lieutenant, Michael Brownson Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Benoni Cutler Captain, William Manning 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Durkee 2d Lieutenant, Obadiah Child Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

This Assembly appoints Noble Benedict Captain, Jabez Botsford 1st Lieutenant, Gamaliel Northrup 2d Lieutenant, Timothy Taylor Ensign, of a company in a regiment to be raised for the defence of this and the adjoining Colonies.

Mathew Mead Captain, Silvanus Mead 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Hait 5th 2d Lieutenant, Jeremiah Beard Eelles Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Elijah Abell Captain, John Blackleach 1st Lieutenant, William Hawley 2d Lieutenant, Judson Whiting Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Isaac Cook Captain, Stephen Hall 1st Lieutenant, Nathaniel Edwards 2d Lieutenant, John Humphry Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Josiah Starr Captain, Thomas Tanner 1st Lieutenant, Josiah Stoddard 2d Lieutenant, Jonathan Bellamy Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Jonathan Johnson Captain, John Hanmer 1st Lieutenant,

Thomas [illegible] 2d Lieutenant, Timothy Towner Ensign, [illegible] regiment.

[illegible] Jesse Cook 1st Lieutenant, James [illegible] Wait Beach Ensign, of a company in [illegible]

[illegible] Daniel Brinsmade 1st Lieutenant, [illegible] Thaddeus Hurd Ensign, of a [illegible]

[illegible] the Revd Mr. Benjamin Trum- [illegible] regiment now to be raised for [illegible]

[illegible] the Revd Mr. Nathaniel Eells [illegible] of the regiment now to be [illegible] New London.

[illegible] Governor of the Colony of [illegible] Greeting:

[illegible] at beat of drum or [illegible] a company con- [illegible] officers, for the [illegible] Colonies, to be holden [illegible] January next unless [illegible] the General Assem- [illegible] May 1776, and you will publish [illegible] committed to you in that [illegible] who incline to inlist. [illegible] regiments in this Colony and [illegible] companies in those regiments [illegible] their aid and muster the [illegible] for the purpose [illegible]

Given under my hand this [illegible] day of May, 1776.

In the Lower House The above draught is accepted,

Test. TITUS HOSMER, Clerk.

Concurred in the Upper House.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'y.

I [illegible] of [illegible] do hereby acknowledge myself inlisted a soldier in a regiment now raising by the Colony of Connecticut, to be under the command of [illegible] Esqr, subject to the orders and regulations of said regiment and entitled to their privileges, until the first day of January 1777, unless

sooner discharged by proper authority. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day of A.D. 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught is accepted and approved of. *Test.* TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House,

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut,

To Greeting:

I do hereby authorize and impower you by beat of drum or otherwise, to raise by inlistments a company of able bodied effective volunteers, to consist of ninety men, including officers, for the defence of this and the other United Colonies during the term of one or two years after the 14th day of May instant. And the colonels of the respective regiments of militia, and the several officers thereof, are required to afford you all proper aid and assistance. And the captains in the several regiments are hereby required to muster their respective companies when requested thereunto by you for the purpose aforesaid.

Given under my hand this day of May 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught is accepted and approved of.

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House. Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

I of do acknowledge to have voluntarily inlisted myself a soldier, to serve in a regiment of foot raised by the Colony of Connecticut for the defence of the United Colonies, to be commanded by during the term of year from and after the 14th day of May 1776, according to directions of Congress. As witness my hand the day of in the year of our Lord 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught is accepted and approved of.

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House. Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

Whereas in the act passed in the present session of this Assembly for the raising of two regiments it is provided that

each regiment shall consist of eight companies &c.: Upon reconsideration it is resolved and ordered, that the regiment to be stationed at New London and parts adjacent upon the sea coast shall consist of and be augmented to nine companies with the same number of officers that the other companies are to have.

Resolved by this Assembly, That in case any of the soldiers of the continental regiment to be raised by order of this Assembly shall not be able seasonably to supply themselves with arms upon the continental encouragement, and cannot be supplied by Colony arms, such number as shall be wanting shall be forthwith purchased by the selectmen of the respective towns, or any of them, to supply the deficiency; who shall deliver such arms to the captain of the company to which such person for whose use they are obtained shall belong, taking his receipt; and the said selectmen exhibit the account of the cost of such arms to the Committee of the Pay-Table, who shall draw on the Treasurer for the amount of their account of the cost of purchasing such arms; and if a sufficient supply cannot be obtained in that way, the number wanting to make good such deficiency shall be impressed from householders or others not in the militia roll, and proper warrants shall be given for that purpose by any of the civil authority, and the owner and owners of such im- [562] pressed arms may || demand a receipt of the officer who shall impress and receive the same, and shall be paid the sum of five shillings for the use of each gun so impressed, and in case of loss the owner shall be paid the value thereof, deducting the said sum of five shillings; and all arms used in said regiment shall be apprized by two judicious persons, to be appointed and sworn by the next Assistant or justice of the peace.

And it is further resolved, That the captain or chief officer of each company in said regiment shall take a particular account of all the arms used in his company, distinguishing such as soldiers provide for themselves, such as belong to the Colony, such as shall be purchased, and such as shall be

impressed as aforesaid, and shall transmit the same with the prizes annexed to the Committee of Pay-Table. And his Honor the Governor is hereby authorized and desired to appoint a proper person or persons to muster said companies.

Whereas this Assembly have ordered three regiments to be raised and equipped for the defence of this Colony and the purposes expressed in their acts, and as some of the officers appointed to command the same may fail to accept the trust, or by death or otherwise vacancies may happen: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor be desired, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to appoint any officer or officers to fill up any vacancy that shall happen as aforesaid, and to commissionate them accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby authorized to take care and give orders and directions for selecting out and regulating a proper number of officers and men from the regiment raised and now ordered to be raised and stationed at New London and the sea coast, or to appoint other officers as they may find necessary, to be employed and exercised as matrosses or artillery men, for managing the cannon at the fortifications erected or erecting there, and for the proper duty and services of that department, and to give such orders as shall be proper and necessary to have such establishment made and carried into execution.

Whereas the companies raised by his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety and stationed at New London, New Haven, Groton and Stonington, are put upon the Continental plan of pay and provisions, and it having been resolved by this Assembly to augment them to a full regiment, and that the regiments now ordered to be raised for defence of this Colony be upon the regulations established by this Assembly in April 1775, and it being inconvenient that the companies in said regiment should be upon different footings,

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety be desired and directed by all proper ways to endeavour to bring said companies upon the present Colony plan and regulations, by directing new inlistments or other proper methods to continue the officers by his Honor before appointed to command them or appoint others as occasion shall require or they shall judge needful; and as soon as their places can be supplied, and it shall be judged safe by his Honor and said Committee, they are to discharge said companies or such numbers of the men as shall not engage upon the present Colony plan, and procure their places to be filled and said companies compleated as soon as may be.

Whereas the exigencies of government render it necessary that a further sum of money or bills of credit be emitted: *Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of sixty thousand pounds bills of credit on this Colony equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations from one shilling to forty shillings, ten thousand pounds of which shall be of the denomination of six shillings and under, and of the same tenor with the late emissions of bills of credit of this Colony, without interest, payable at or before the first day of January 1781, dated the seventh of June 1776. And Jabez Hamlin, William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne, Thomas Seymour and Jesse Root, Esq^{rs}, or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care said bills are imprinted with all convenient speed and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor. And either one of said committee signing said bills of the denomination of six shillings and under shall be sufficient; and any two signing the other bills shall be also sufficient. And said committee shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the orders of this Assembly.

And for providing an ample and sufficient fund to call in, sink and discharge the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid,

[563] *Be it enacted by the* || *authority aforesaid*, That a tax of eight pence on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony according to the list thereof to be brought in to this Assembly in October 1778, with the additions; which tax shall be collected and paid into the Colony treasury by the last day of December 1780; which tax may be discharged by paying any of the bills emitted by order of this Assembly, continental bills, or lawful money. And the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send out his warrant for collecting said tax accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for the Chief Judge of the Superior Court, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint of said Colony, Esqr, to be Chief Judge of our Superior Court of Judicature, to be holden within our Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, with authority to use and exercise all powers and jurisdictions belonging to the chief judge of our said court, and to do that which to justice doth appertain, according to the laws in force in our said Colony. And the said , assisted with two or more of the judges of our said superior court, whom we have assigned by our commission for that purpose, to hear, try and determine all causes and matters, civil and criminal, by law cognizable in the said court, and to award execution thereon accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, this day of *Anno Dom.*

By his honor's command, Govr.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for the Assistant Judges of the Superior Court, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint, A. B. C. D. of this Colony, Esq^{rs}, to be Judges of our Superior Courts of Judicature to be holden within our Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, to assist the chief judge of our said superior court, whom by our commission we have appointed to that office, to enquire of, hear and determine, by a jury or otherwise according to law, all causes and matters, civil and criminal, cognizable by our said superior court. And we do also assign, constitute and appoint you the said A. B. C. D., or any three of you, in the absence of the chief judge of our said court, to be judges of our said superior courts of judicature, with authority to use and exercise all powers and jurisdictions belonging to the said court, and to do that which to justice doth appertain, according to the laws in force in our said Colony, and to hear, try and determine all cases and matters, civil and criminal, by law cognizable in the said court, and to award execution thereon accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused the public seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, this day of *A. Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command, Govr.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for a Judge of the County Court, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint, of said Colony, Esqr, to be Judge of our

[564] County Court, to be holden || within our county of in our Colony of Connecticut in New England, with authority to use and exercise all powers and jurisdictions belonging to the said court, and to do that which to justice doth appertain, according to the laws in force in our said Colony. And the said assisted with two or more justices of the peace and quorum, to hear, try and determine all causes and matters, civil and criminal, by law cognizable in the said court, and to award execution thereon accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, in this day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command,

Secr^y.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for the Judges of the Courts of Probate within this Colony, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint, of our said Colony, Esqr, to be Judge of our Court of Probate, to be holden within the district of in our Colony of Connecticut in New England, with the assistance of a clerk, to hold our said court of probate of wills, granting of administration, appointing and allowing of guardians; with full power to act in all matters proper for a prerogative court.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, this day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command,

Secr^y.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for

Thomas Stephenson 2d Lieutenant, Timothy Towner Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Bazaleel Bebee Captain, Jesse Cook 1st Lieutenant, James Watson 2d Lieutenant, Wait Beach Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

Benjamin Mills Captain, Daniel Brinsmade 1st Lieutenant, Elijah Foster 2d Lieutenant, Thaddeus Hurd Ensign, of a company in said regiment.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev^d Mr. Benjamin Trumbull to be Chaplain of the regiment now to be raised for continental service.

This Assembly do appoint the Rev^d Mr. Nathaniel Eells of Stonington to be Chaplain of the regiment now to be raised and stationed at and near New London.

[561] Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, To Greeting:

I do hereby authorize and impower you at beat of drum or otherwise, to raise by voluntary inlistment a company consisting of ninety able bodied men, including officers, for the defence of this and the neighbouring Colonies, to be holden in said service until the first day of January next unless sooner discharged, according to an act of the General Assembly of this Colony passed in May 1776; and you will publish the resolve of Assembly herewith committed to you in that behalf for the encouragement of those who incline to inlist. And the colonels of the several regiments in this Colony and the commanding officers of the companies in those regiments are hereby required to lend you their aid and muster the companies under their command if need be, for the purpose aforesaid.

Given under my hand this day of May, 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught is accepted,

Test. TITUS HOSMER, Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS, Secret'y.

I of do hereby acknowledge myself inlisted a soldier in a regiment now raising by the Colony of Connecticut, to be under the command of Esqr, subject to the orders and regulations of said regiment and entitled to their privileges, until the first day of January 1777, unless

sooner discharged by proper authority. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day of A.D. 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught is accepted and approved of. *Test.* TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House,

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut,

To Greeting:

I do hereby authorize and impower you by beat of drum or otherwise, to raise by inlistments a company of able bodied effective volunteers, to consist of ninety men, including officers, for the defence of this and the other United Colonies during the term of one or two years after the 14th day of May instant. And the colonels of the respective regiments of militia, and the several officers thereof, are required to afford you all proper aid and assistance. And the captains in the several regiments are hereby required to muster their respective companies when requested thereunto by you for the purpose aforesaid.

Given under my hand this day of May 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught is accepted and approved of.

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House. Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

I of do acknowledge to have voluntarily inlisted myself a soldier, to serve in a regiment of foot raised by the Colony of Connecticut for the defence of the United Colonies, to be commanded by during the term of year from and after the 14th day of May 1776, according to directions of Congress. As witness my hand the day of in the year of our Lord 1776.

In the Lower House: The above draught is accepted and approved of.

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House. Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

Whereas in the act passed in the present session of this Assembly for the raising of two regiments it is provided that

each regiment shall consist of eight companies &c.: Upon reconsideration it is resolved and ordered, that the regiment to be stationed at New London and parts adjacent upon the sea coast shall consist of and be augmented to nine companies with the same number of officers that the other companies are to have.

Resolved by this Assembly, That in case any of the soldiers of the continental regiment to be raised by order of this Assembly shall not be able seasonably to supply themselves with arms upon the continental encouragement, and cannot be supplied by Colony arms, such number as shall be wanting shall be forthwith purchased by the selectmen of the respective towns, or any of them, to supply the deficiency; who shall deliver such arms to the captain of the company to which such person for whose use they are obtained shall belong, taking his receipt; and the said selectmen exhibit the account of the cost of such arms to the Committee of the Pay-Table, who shall draw on the Treasurer for the amount of their account of the cost of purchasing such arms; and if a sufficient supply cannot be obtained in that way, the number wanting to make good such deficiency shall be impressed from householders or others not in the militia roll, and proper warrants shall be given for that purpose by any of the civil authority, and the owner and owners of such im- [562] pressed arms may || demand a receipt of the officer who shall impress and receive the same, and shall be paid the sum of five shillings for the use of each gun so impressed, and in case of loss the owner shall be paid the value thereof, deducting the said sum of five shillings; and all arms used in said regiment shall be apprized by two judicious persons, to be appointed and sworn by the next Assistant or justice of the peace.

And it is further resolved, That the captain or chief officer of each company in said regiment shall take a particular account of all the arms used in his company, distinguishing such as soldiers provide for themselves, such as belong to the Colony, such as shall be purchased, and such as shall be

impressed as aforesaid, and shall transmit the same with the prizes annexed to the Committee of Pay-Table. And his Honor the Governor is hereby authorized and desired to appoint a proper person or persons to muster said companies.

Whereas this Assembly have ordered three regiments to be raised and equipped for the defence of this Colony and the purposes expressed in their acts, and as some of the officers appointed to command the same may fail to accept the trust, or by death or otherwise vacancies may happen: Resolved by this Assembly, that his Honor the Governor be desired, and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to appoint any officer or officers to fill up any vacancy that shall happen as aforesaid, and to commissionate them accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby authorized to take care and give orders and directions for selecting out and regulating a proper number of officers and men from the regiment raised and now ordered to be raised and stationed at New London and the sea coast, or to appoint other officers as they may find necessary, to be employed and exercised as matrosses or artillery men, for managing the cannon at the fortifications erected or erecting there, and for the proper duty and services of that department, and to give such orders as shall be proper and necessary to have such establishment made and carried into execution.

Whereas the companies raised by his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety and stationed at New London, New Haven, Groton and Stonington, are put upon the Continental plan of pay and provisions, and it having been resolved by this Assembly to augment them to a full regiment, and that the regiments now ordered to be raised for defence of this Colony be upon the regulations established by this Assembly in April 1775, and it being inconvenient that the companies in said regiment should be upon different footings,

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety be desired and directed by all proper ways to endeavour to bring said companies upon the present Colony plan and regulations, by directing new inlistments or other proper methods to continue the officers by his Honor before appointed to command them or appoint others as occasion shall require or they shall judge needful; and as soon as their places can be supplied, and it shall be judged safe by his Honor and said Committee, they are to discharge said companies or such numbers of the men as shall not engage upon the present Colony plan, and procure their places to be filled and said companies compleated as soon as may be.

Whereas the exigencies of government render it necessary that a further sum of money or bills of credit be emitted: *Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of sixty thousand pounds bills of credit on this Colony equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations from one shilling to forty shillings, ten thousand pounds of which shall be of the denomination of six shillings and under, and of the same tenor with the late emissions of bills of credit of this Colony, without interest, payable at or before the first day of January 1781, dated the seventh of June 1776. And Jabez Hamlin, William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, Benjamin Payne, Thomas Seymour and Jesse Root, Esq^{rs}, or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care said bills are imprinted with all convenient speed and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor. And either one of said committee signing said bills of the denomination of six shillings and under shall be sufficient; and any two signing the other bills shall be also sufficient. And said committee shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the orders of this Assembly.

And for providing an ample and sufficient fund to call in, sink and discharge the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid,

[563] *Be it enacted by the* || *authority aforesaid*, That a tax of eight pence on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony according to the list thereof to be brought in to this Assembly in October 1778, with the additions; which tax shall be collected and paid into the Colony treasury by the last day of December 1780; which tax may be discharged by paying any of the bills emitted by order of this Assembly, continental bills, or lawful money. And the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send out his warrant for collecting said tax accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for the Chief Judge of the Superior Court, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint of said Colony, Esqr, to be Chief Judge of our Superior Court of Judicature, to be holden within our Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, with authority to use and exercise all powers and jurisdictions belonging to the chief judge of our said court, and to do that which to justice doth appertain, according to the laws in force in our said Colony. And the said , assisted with two or more of the judges of our said superior court, whom we have assigned by our commission for that purpose, to hear, try and determine all causes and matters, civil and criminal, by law cognizable in the said court, and to award execution thereon accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, this day of *Anno Dom.*

By his honor's command, Govr.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for the Assistant Judges of the Superior Court, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint, A. B. C. D. of this Colony, Esq^{rs}, to be Judges of our Superior Courts of Judicature to be holden within our Colony of Connecticut in New England in America, to assist the chief judge of our said superior court, whom by our commission we have appointed to that office, to enquire of, hear and determine, by a jury or otherwise according to law, all causes and matters, civil and criminal, cognizable by our said superior court. And we do also assign, constitute and appoint you the said A. B. C. D., or any three of you, in the absence of the chief judge of our said court, to be judges of our said superior courts of judicature, with authority to use and exercise all powers and jurisdictions belonging to the said court, and to do that which to justice doth appertain, according to the laws in force in our said Colony, and to hear, try and determine all cases and matters, civil and criminal, by law cognizable in the said court, and to award execution thereon accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused the public seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, this day of *A. Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command, Govr.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for a Judge of the County Court, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint, of said Colony, Esqr, to be Judge of our

[564] County Court, to be holden || within our county of in our Colony of Connecticut in New England, with authority to use and exercise all powers and jurisdictions belonging to the said court, and to do that which to justice doth appertain, according to the laws in force in our said Colony. And the said assisted with two or more justices of the peace and quorum, to hear, try and determine all causes and matters, civil and criminal, by law cognizable in the said court, and to award execution thereon accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, in this day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command,

Secr^y.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for the Judges of the Courts of Probate within this Colony, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute and appoint, of our said Colony, Esqr, to be Judge of our Court of Probate, to be holden within the district of in our Colony of Connecticut in New England, with the assistance of a clerk, to hold our said court of probate of wills, granting of administration, appointing and allowing of guardians; with full power to act in all matters proper for a prerogative court.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, this day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command,

Secr^y.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of the Commission for

Justices of Quorum and Justices of the Peace in this Colony, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

The Governor and Company of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To Esq^{rs}, Greeting:

[L. S.] Know ye, that we have assigned you and every of you, jointly and severally, to keep the peace within the county of within the Colony aforesaid; and to keep and cause to be kept all the laws and ordinances that are or shall be made for the good of the peace and conservation of the same, and for the quiet rule and government of the people within the county aforesaid; and to chastise and punish all persons offending in the county aforesaid against the said laws or ordinances, or any of them, as according to those laws and ordinances shall be fit to be done; and to cause to come before you, or any of you, all those persons who shall threaten any one in his person or estate, to find sufficient sureties for the peace and good behaviour or in default of their finding sureties to commit them to goal or safe custody until they shall do so. And we have assigned you, to assist the judge of the county court for the county aforesaid, to enquire of, hear and determine, by a jury or otherwise, according to law, all causes, matters and things, civil and criminal, cognizable by the said court. And we do also assign you, the said and each and every of you, to hear and determine all causes, matters and things, civil and criminal, which any one Assistant in this corporation now hath or hereafter shall have power by law to hear and determine. And we command you and every of you, that you diligently intend the keeping of the peace, laws and ordinances and all and singular other the premises, and perform and fulfill the same, doing therein what to justice appertains, according to the laws of this Colony.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed. Witness Esqr, Governor of our said Colony of Connecticut, and with the consent of the General Assembly of the same, in this day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command,

Secr ty.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the following be and hereby is established as the form of a Commission for a

Field Officer of a regiment of militia in this Colony, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

J. T. Esqr, Governor and Commander in Chief of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,
To Esqr, Greeting:

[L. S.] Whereas you are appointed by the General Assembly of said Colony to be of the regiment of horse and foot in said Colony: Reposing special trust and confidence [565] in your || fidelity, courage, care and good conduct, I do, by virtue of the laws of this Colony, constitute and appoint you to be of said regiment. You are therefore to take said regiment into your care and charge as their and carefully and diligently to discharge that care and trust, in ordering and exercising them, both officers and soldiers, in arms, according to the rules and discipline of war, keeping them in good order and government and commanding them to obey you as their for the service of this Colony; and they are commanded to obey you accordingly. And you are to conduct and lead forth the said regiment, or such part of them as you shall from time to time receive orders from me, or from the Governor of this Colony for the time being, to encounter, repel, pursue and destroy, by force of arms and by all fitting ways and means, all the enemies of this Colony who shall at any time hereafter in a hostile manner attempt or enterprize the invasion, detriment or annoyance of this Colony. And you are to observe and obey such orders and instructions as from time to time you shall receive from me or other your superior officers pursuant to the trust hereby reposed in you and the laws of this Colony.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Colony at this day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command,

Secr ty.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the form of a Commission for the Captain and Subaltern Officers of a company in the militia in this Colony shall be as follows, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same.

J. T. Esquire, Captain General and Commander in Chief of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,
To Gent., Greeting:

[L. S.] You being by the General Assembly of this Colony

accepted to be Reposing special trust and confidence in your fidelity, courage and good conduct, I do, by virtue of the laws of this Colony me thereunto enabling, appoint and impower you to take the said into your care and charge as their carefully and diligently to discharge that trust, exercising your inferior officers and in the use of their arms according to the discipline of war; keeping them in good order and government, and commanding them to obey you as their for the service of this Colony. And you are to observe all such orders and directions as from time to time you shall receive either from me or other your superior officers, pursuant to the trust hereby reposed in you.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Colony in the day of *Anno Dom.* 177 .

By his Honor's command,

Secr^ty.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the consideration of all petitions and memorials depending before this Assembly be referred to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next, and that the powers and authorities of all committees that have been heretofore appointed in any of said cases, and that have made no report, be continued, and that they be and they are directed to hear, examine and make report to the said next General Assembly; and that all protections from arrests, attachments or imprisonment, that have been heretofore granted to any person or persons on said petitions or memorials which are yet depending be revived and continued to the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen in the respective towns in this Colony, at or before the first day of September next, shall take and transmit to his Honor the Governor a particular and exact account of all the persons in their respective towns in this Colony, as well negroes or slaves for life as white persons, distinguishing the number of those who are under the age of twenty years from those who are above that age, the sexes, or whether married or single, those in the militia, and all able bodied men who

do not belong to the militia, also all those who are now in actual service, thereby to enable his Honor to prepare a compleat answer to a letter lately received from the Honble John Hancock, Esqr, President of the Continental Congress; and that this act be forthwith printed, and distributed by the Representatives in the present Assembly; and that the account or whole number of the persons in each town be attested on oath by the selectmen thereof, to have been faithfully and truly made and compleated.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony take the legal ways and means to enforce the collection of the taxes due to this Colony with all convenient speed: provided nevertheless, that upon any of the collectors of such rates producing to the Treasurer of this Colony a certificate under the hand of the civil authority and selectmen [566] of the town to which || such collector belongs, therein expressing the sum and amount of the rates or taxes arising on the lists of such persons in their respective rate-bills who are actually abroad in defence of the United Colonies which is not collected, and the said Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed not to inforce the collection of such sum expressed and certifyed as aforesaid until their return or a more convenient season.

Whereas it is for public benefit to support the credit of the Continental Currency passing in this Colony, and for that end of importance that the same should be received in payment of public taxes,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That the Treasurer of this Colony may and he is hereby directed to receive

* The resolve of Congress upon which the above was predicated was passed Dec. 26, 1775. The form of the schedule for the enumeration is in *Rev. War*, iv, doc. 111, and E. Watson's bill for printing the resolve and the addition to it is in the same volume, doc. 328. In *Rev. War*, vi, 395, 399, are accounts of the selectmen of Mansfield and Pomfret for time spent in numbering the people of those towns according to act of Assembly and transmitting the same to the Governor, but the editor has been unable to find an account of this census, so far as Connecticut is concerned.

the paper bills of the continental currency when offered in payment of Colony taxes or any debts payable to the Treasurer of this Colony, until otherwise instructed by this Assembly.

An Act to restrain the Exportation of Rum, Sugar, Molasses, Salt, and other West India Goods out of this Colony for the Time therein limited.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Assembly that sundry persons are ingrossing rum, sugar, molasses, salt, and other West India goods, with an intent to export the same out of this Colony, whereby great inconveniencies may at present arise,

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no rum, sugar, molasses, salt, or other West India goods, shall be exported out of this Colony by land or water on or before the first day of November next, under the same penalties and forfeitures as are already expressed in and by one statute of this Colony entituled An act to enable the Governor to lay an embargo and for rendering the same when laid effectual, or shall be otherwise punished by forfeiting the value of such goods so put on board, shipt or exported; and that all offenders shall be proceeded against in like manner and form as in and by said statute is provided; and that his Honor the Governor be desired forthwith to issue his proclamation, prohibiting such exportation accordingly.

Provided nevertheless, That any West India goods necessary for the use of the continental army, upon application made to his Honor the Governor by the Continental Congress, or his Excellency General Washington, may be permitted to be exported by the licence of his Honor; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Oliver Ellsworth, Esqr, is appointed, directed and impowered, forthwith to repair to Major-General Schuyler at Albany, or elsewhere, and lay before him the accounts and pay-rolls of the several regiments and companies raised in

this Colony and employed the last year in continental service at Canada, and which have been already paid by this Colony, and request of him a warrant for repayment of the sums advanced and paid to said continental troops aforesaid, and to receive, safe keep, and convey and deliver to the Treasurer of this Colony whatever sum or sums he may receive on account as aforesaid, and take his receipt therefor, and the same lodge with the Secretary of this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint the Honble Mathew Griswold, Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, William Williams, and Richard Law, Esq^{rs}, Messrs. Titus Hosmer, Benjamin Huntington, Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin, and Mr. William Hillhouse and Nathaniel Wales Junr, to be a Council or Committee of Safety, to assist his Honor the Governor when the Assembly is not sitting; with full power and authority to order and direct the militia and navy of this Colony, and the marches and stations of the troops that have been or shall be inlisted and assembled for the special defence of this or the neighbouring Colonies, or any part or parts thereof, as they shall judge necessary, and to give all necessary orders from time to time for furnishing and supplying said militia, troops, and navy, in every respect and to every purpose that may be needful, to render the defence of these Colonies effectual, with full power and authority to fulfill and execute every trust already reposed or shall be reposed by this Assembly in his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety aforesaid. And that this Assembly do expect and desire his Honor the Governor to notify and convene the whole of said Council on all important occasions and business which may be before them: but where the necessity and safety of the public may require greater dispatch than can consist with the notice and attendance of the whole, and on smaller matters, his Honor the Governor at his discretion may convene a smaller number, not less than five, to be a quorum, to act with him in the matters and business as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the pay of the Council of Safety shall be to each man eight shillings per day for his

time and expences in that service; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed to draw on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired and he is hereby requested, to prepare authenticated copies of the Petitions to the King and Letters to the Secretary of State &c., passed since the beginning of the [567] present || unhappy contest between Great Britain and the American Colonies, and transmit the same to the Continental Congress.

His Honor the Governor having laid before this Assembly the doings and proceedings of himself with the advice of the Council of Safety assigned him, relative to the fortifying of the port and harbour of New London, pursuant to a resolve of this Assembly in December last, which doings and proceedings are approved of; and it being represented to this Assembly that the works are not yet compleat, and that it is necessary to employ more hands in said work: It is resolved and ordered, that his Honor the Governor be desired and is hereby desired, with the advice and assistance of his Committee of Safety, to carry on and compleat said works, and to employ as many men as they may judge proper and convenient, and to give such orders and instructions from time to time as to them may seem meet and convenient.

Whereas a representation hath now been made to this Assembly, that some of the soldiers in the service of this Colony last year were returned deserters have received their whole wages, the return of their desertion notwithstanding: to wit, in Colo. Storrs' company ten, in Capt. Mosely's company thirty, in Capt. Knowlton's company seven, in Capt. Clark's company two, and in Capt. Eliott's company two, and a committee having been now appointed to enquire whether the mistake happened fraudulently, designedly, or accidentally, and who and how far any person or persons were fraudulently or inadvertently concerned and instrumental therein, and what is proper further to be done

thereon; and said committee having now reported that the several persons concerned in the premises not being present, and that they were not now furnished with any documents to investigate the true state and circumstances of the several matters aforesaid; which said report of said committee is now accepted and approved:

It is thereupon resolved, That his Honor the Governor be desired to write to the Delegates from this Colony at the Continental Congress, advising them of the matters aforesaid, that no prejudice may accrue to this Colony therein; and that the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby appointed and impowered fully to examine into the several matters and facts aforesaid in such way and manner as to them shall appear proper and necessary, and make report of what they shall find in the premises to the next session of this Assembly.

Capt. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Colo. Jonathan Fitch, Capt. William Ledyard, Capt. Samuel Squire, Colo. Jedidiah Elderkin, Mr. Jedidiah Strong, are appointed a committee to purchase five thousand pair of yarn stockings for the use of the army in Canada, upon the best terms they can, as soon as may be, and make report to his Honor the Governor with a fair account of the number they respectively furnish and the prices they cost; and his Honor the Governor is desired thereupon to cause said stockings to be transported to New York, and there to be delivered to John Alsop or Francis Lewiss, Esq^{rs}, agreeable to the request of the Congress, and also to transmit the accounts of the cost of said stockings to Roger Sherman, Esqr, that the same may be speedily repaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That there be a further premium of two shillings and six pence, lawful money, paid out of the Colony treasury for each double bridled good and well made gun-lock that shall be made and manufactured within this Colony after the tenth day of June instant and before the

20th day of October next, in addition to the premium or bounty of one shilling and six pence heretofore granted by this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and the Committee of Safety be authorized and requested and they are authorized and requested, to examine and adjust all accounts of expences incurred or that may be incurred, or for services that have been or may be done on account and for the use of this Colony by order of that Honble Board in pursuance of any act, resolution or direction of the General Assembly, and certify the sum or sums they may find due on such accounts to the Committee of the Pay-Table, who shall receive and file such certificates and draw on the Treasurer for the sum or sums therein contained accordingly.

This Assembly do appoint, impower and desire his Honor the Governor, during the present session of this Assembly, to fill up the blank commissions for Private Ships of War and Letters of Marque and Reprizal sent, or that shall be sent from time to time, by the President of the Congress to this Assembly, and the same deliver to the person or persons intending to fit out such private ships of war who shall apply for the same, and also to see the proper bonds executed, sent with such commissions, and see the same duly returned agreeable to the resolutions of the Honble Continental Congress.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed, to receive and adjust the accounts of supporting the continental prisoners in this Colony, and prepare authentic copies thereof properly attested, and transmit them to his Honor the Governor, who is desired to forward the same to be laid before the Honble Continental Congress for payment.

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Private Ships of War, Letters of Marque and Reprizal, sent or that shall be sent from to time by the President of the Congress to this Assembly, and the same deliver to the person or persons intending to fit out such private ships of war who shall apply for the same; and also, to see the proper bonds executed, sent with such commissions, and see the same duly returned agreeable to the resolutions of the Honble Continental Congress, for and during the pleasure of this Assembly.*

Whereas it appears that there is still an arrearage of supplies or rations due to the officers and soldiers that went from this Colony last year in the northern army: Wherefore, that what is right and just may be done them therein,

It is resolved and ordered, That the commissaries appointed last year by this Colony do as soon as may be collect an exact account of what quantity or part of the daily rations was delivered out, and of all such arrears that may be justly due to said officers and soldiers from the colonels of the respective regiments that marched to the northward, duly certifyed by said colonels and the quarter-masters of said several regiments, or by the commissary of supplies, or other proper or sufficient evidence, and that they exhibit such accounts as soon as may be to the Commissary-General of the northern department and obtain payment thereof as far as may be, and in case of failure that they apply to the Pay-Table with such accounts and vouchers, who are hereby directed to adjust and order payment of what they shall find justly due, after deducting therefrom to each soldier what they have received on account of continental allowance made by General Schuyler for billeting and additional days over and above the Colony's allowance, which is two shillings and

* April 3d, 1776, Congress ordered that blank commissions for private ships of war and letters of marque and reprizal, signed by the President, be sent to the General Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, to be by them filled up and delivered to the persons intending to fit out such ships. The form of the commission and instructions to commanders may be seen in the Journals of Congress, under date of April 2 and 3, 1776.

six pence per week in billeting, and about eight shillings per man for the whole term of their inlistment in the addition of days.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the home commissaries be and they are hereby directed speedily to settle their accounts with the general and deputy commissaries whom they have supplied in their different departments with provisions, warlike stores, &c, and take duplicate copies of their accounts when stated, settled and subscribed by said commissaries, observing nearly as can be done a distinction between the supplies that were antecedent to the 3d of August last and those that were subsequent to that time: one set of which copies will be vouchers for the home commissaries to settle with the Committee of Pay-Table, and the other to be made use of in supporting the Colony's demand on the Continental Congress for reimbursement.*

Whereas it is of importance as well as necessity that the troops that lately went to the camp at Cambridge and Roxbury and also those that marched to New York in Continental service, all from this Colony, and now returned, should be immediately paid off without further delay:

It is thereupon resolved and ordered, That Colo. James Wadsworth Junr, Esqr, Colo. Mathew Talcott, Esqr, and Colo. Ichabod Lewiss, Esqr, be and they are hereby appointed and impowered to collect and receive all the pay-rolls of the several companies that marched in the service aforesaid, and apply to the General to allow and settle the same, and obtain his order for the payment of the monies due thereon for the benefit of the officers and soldiers to whom it is due, and deliver and pay the same accordingly. And the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby ordered and directed to adjust

* March 7, 1776, Congress resolved that an order for one hundred thousand dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favor of the delegates of Connecticut, in part of the money advanced by said Colony on account of the continent; and that said Colony be desired to send forward their accounts with proper vouchers, in order for liquidation and payment. The money was received in April 1776, by the hands of Mr. Sherman.

and give order for the payment of all losses of arms and accoutrements, as also for expences of sickness for such officers and soldiers, in the same manner and according to the same rules and regulations that have or are already established, for the benefit of those officers and soldiers that have been raised and sent out by special order of this Assembly, and to state an account thereof in order that it may be transmitted to Congress for payment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be directed and they are hereby directed and impowered, to settle and adjust the account or accounts with the respective commissaries employed by this Colony under oath, and that they draw on the Colony Treasurer for such sum or sums as may be found respectively and justly due to them upon such settlement and adjustment as shall be made as aforesaid, and to receive whatever sums shall be found due to the Colony and pay over to the Treasurer, and also to settle and adjust accounts with the Commissary General, and to make such allowances to him for his trouble in receiving in and delivering out stores, provisions &c. as they shall judge just and reasonable and draw on the Treasurer therefor.

This Assembly do appoint, authorize and impower, Nathaniel Wales Junr, Esqr, of Windham, to liquidate, adjust and settle the account or accounts subsisting between this Colony and Elisha Pain, Esqr, late King's Attorney for the county of Windham, and to receive, secure and recover whatever balance may be found due thereon, and account render of his doings in the premises to this Assembly.

[569] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That all accounts of expences incurred for making necessary provisions for sick soldiers of this Colony in the army the late campaign, when they could not be otherwise supplied without great inconvenience and danger to the sick, and which provisions were approved and directed by any of the surgeons of said

army, may be laid before the Committee of the Pay-Table, and being properly certifyed and attested said committee are hereby authorized and directed to settle and adjust the same and draw on the Treasurer for payment of what they shall find just and reasonable. And also in case any officer or soldier in battle or otherwise by inevitable providence and without his default shall lose or destroy his arms, cloathing or accoutrements, or the same shall be so lost or destroyed, upon proper evidence thereof being produced to said Committee of Pay-Table, they are also authorized to receive and examine the accounts thereof and draw on the Treasurer for the just and reasonable value thereof.

Whereas Colo. Elisha Williams, William Wells and Colo. James Wadsworth, Esq^{rs}, were appointed a committee in October last to receive of the managers of the lottery granted for erecting of buoys at the mouth of Connecticut River the monies in their hands and the same safely to keep, and make report &c., and said committee not having been able yet to effect said business &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the same gentlemen be and they are hereby reappointed a committee, with the same powers and for the purpose mentioned in said former appointment, and that they make report of their doings to this or the next General Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the several post-masters be and they are hereby directed to prepare their accounts of debts and credits arising in their offices whilst employed by this Assembly, and lay the same before the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment. And all special posts who have in fact been in the Continental service be and they are hereby advised to prepare true and attested accounts of their service and expences, and procure authentic certificates of their services from the person or persons by whom employed and encouraged, or from such persons as are knowing to their being so employed and encouraged, that they may be properly laid before the Honble Continental Congress for payment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the colonels of the militia regiments marched to New York on the first and last requisitions of General Washington be and they are hereby directed speedily to forward the pay-rolls of the several companies in their respective regiments to his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety to be adjusted and authentic copies thereof prepared to be transmitted by his Honor the Governor to General Washington for payment.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissaries of the militia regiments that marched to New York on requisition of General Washington be and they are hereby directed to prepare their accounts of supplies for those regiments and lay the same before his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety for adjustment and to be transmitted to General Washington for his order for their payment.

It being represented to this Assembly by the committee appointed in May last to procure three thousand stands of arms for the use of this Colony, which were to have been compleated by the first day of May instant, that by means of unforeseen difficulties and delays they have not been able yet to obtain the number ordered, and some of those engaged are yet in the hands of the workmen unfinished, and the Colony not being supplied with a sufficient quantity of arms,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That the acts and resolves of this Assembly for procuring, encouraging and regulating the manufacture of fire-arms and locks, according to the directions therein given and the provisions thereof, be and they are hereby revived, and shall be and they are hereby revived and shall be and continue in force until the session of this Assembly in October next; and the committee therein named are directed to use their utmost care and vigilance to provide and procure the number of such arms as thereby directed and ordered, and make report of their doings in the premises.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the inhabitants of the town of Saybrook have liberty to build a Battery at the

place where the old fort stood in said town, so that it be well constructed, to contain six carriage-guns for the defence of said town and harbour; and that the inhabitants be encouraged thereto with the assistance of twenty men from the regiment to be stationed at New London &c. in labouring to build said fort and to guard the same so long as the Governor and Council of Safety shall think fit; and that said fort be furnished with three good carriage-guns in addition to those that be already there, all to be mounted on proper carriages and furnished with a sufficiency of powder and ball and all other necessary implements for said guns and fort as soon as may be, at the expence of this Colony, to be under the direction of his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety during the pleasure of this Assembly.

[570] Whereas it is represented to this Assembly, that sundry of the non-commission officers and soldiers belonging to some of the regiments in this Colony have in a late instance refused to march to New York for the defence of this and that Colony pursuant to orders given for that purpose by the Captain General of this Colony agreeable to the laws in such case made and provided, by which refusal of such soldiers &c. the peace and safety of the good people of these Colonies is greatly exposed to danger &c.:

It is thereupon resolved by this Assembly, That the Attorney for the Governor and Company of this Colony in the county of Fairfield be and he is hereby ordered and directed without delay, to examine and enquire into the grounds and foundation of the matters aforesaid, and, where he finds sufficient cause, to pursue such legal prosecutions as are necessary to bring such supposed offenders, in case they are found guilty, to suffer the just punishment provided by law, and prevent the mischief threatened thereby.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the respective towns in this Colony that have supplied any powder for the public service shall lay in their accounts thereof before the Committee of the Pay-Table, well authenticated, and thereupon

said committee shall adjust the same together with such reasonable allowance for their trouble and expence therein as said committee shall think just, and give an order in favour of the selectmen of such town upon any of the powder-mills in this Colony to be refunded in powder for such quantity as said committee shall judge just and order.

Whereas the article of sulphur is necessary and must be speedily procured for public use, and whereas one Mr. Thomas Bidwell of Pensylvania has proposed to this Assembly that upon his receiving from the Colony twenty suitable pots with their receivers and the privilege of using the sulphur oar drawn from the lead mine in Middletown free from charge and the Colony taking off from his hands all the well wrought, refined and genuine sulphur which he shall manufacture within this Colony out of oar found within the same, at the price of £2 10 0 for each hundred weight of such sulphur made and manufactured as aforesaid within the space of two years next after the first day of June 1776, he will immediately enter upon and continue the manufacturing of such sulphur in this Colony upon ore found within the same for the space aforesaid for the use of this Colony, and deliver what sulphur he shall so make to the Colony at said price, and at the expiration of said term or whensoever he shall quit said business here, he will fully communicate to some proper person in the interest of this Colony and an inhabitant of the same, for the benefit of the Colony, all the skill and art of manufacturing sulphur, and leave such pots and receivers in the condition they shall then be found in to the use of the Colony; which proposals are accepted by this Assembly, on this condition, that the Colony will not at present engage to receive more than fifty tons of sulphur to be made and manufactured by said Bidwell as aforesaid:

Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, That twenty suitable pots and their receivers for the manufacturing sulphur shall forthwith be provided at the expence of this Colony and delivered to said Bidwell at such place within said Colony as he shall choose to erect his works in for the manufacture

aforesaid. And he hath full liberty to make use of the sulphur ore raised at Midletown free from any charge to him therefor, for the purpose aforesaid. And Colo. Joshua Porter is appointed with said Bidwell to procure the said twenty pots and receivers for the purpose aforesaid in the best manner they can for the public advantage.

And it is further resolved by the authority aforesaid, That this Colony will take and receive of the said Bidwell the sulphur to be by him made and manufactured of the materials found within this Colony within the term aforesaid and at the price aforesaid, not exceeding fifty tons. And his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety are hereby impowered to do and order what further may be found necessary to execute the design of this resolve.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor and Council of Safety be and they are hereby desired to order an account of the whole expence of raising and marching Colo. Burrall's battalion to Albany, together with the expenditure of the twelve thousand and five hundred dollars received for that purpose,* to be collected and properly stated and laid before the Honble Continental Congress for settlement.

Whereas information has been given to this Assembly that Capt. Daniel Hill, Lieut. Peter Lyon and Ensign Samuel Hawley, all of the 11th company in the fourth regiment in this Colony under the command of Gold Selleck Silliman, Esqr, colonel of said regiment, have instead of forwarding, as it was their duty to do, endeavoured to obstruct and embarrass, and have in fact neglected and refused to obey certain orders given out to said officers by said colonel in pursuance of orders from the Governor, the Captain-General, sometime in March last for the purpose of inlisting or detaching a certain number in said company to march for New York, which orders said officers have severally con-

* Granted by Congress January 20, 1776. The Treasurer acknowledged its receipt Feb. 2, 1776.

temptuously disobeyed and greatly obstructed the execution thereof: Whereupon this Assembly order and decree, that a precept be issued forth by the Secretary of this Colony immediately, to arrest the bodies of them the said Daniel Hill, [571] Peter Lyon and || Samuel Hawley, respectively, and them have before this Assembly to answer to the said information and further dealt with as to justice appertains, and that Colo. Silliman with other proper evidences be also cited to appear.

Whereas the Honble Continental Congress have lately ordered and delivered to the Delegates of this Colony the sum of 10,500 dollars,* to defray the expence of raising a regiment ordered by Congress to be raised in this Colony: And whereas Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, one of said Delegates, took for his own use on account of this Colony out of said sum the sum of 140 dollars, and Roger Sherman, Esqr, took for his own use on account of this Colony the sum of 100 dollars, and also sixteen dollars given to bring the remainder, being 10,244 dollars, to the Treasurer of this Colony, and the same is delivered to said Treasurer: It is now resolved, that the Treasurer charge the said Roger Sherman and Oliver Wolcott, Esq^rs^, with the several sums received as aforesaid in account. And it is further resolved, that the Treasurer replace the aforesaid sums of 240 dollars out of the other moneys belonging to this Colony in his hands and account for the 10,500 dollars for the purpose of defraying the expence of raising said regiment, and charge the said sixteen dollars in said account.

Mr. Nathaniel Shaw Junr, Colo. Jonathan Fitch, Capt. Jeremiah Wadsworth, Mr. Thaddeus Burr, Mr. Nathaniel Wales Junr and Mr. Jedidiah Strong, are appointed a committee to procure eighteen hundred pounds, lawful money, in specie in exchange for bills, and pay the same to his Honor the Governor to be improved for the use of the northern army, agreeable to a request of the Congress; and the Com-

* Granted by Congress May 22, 1776.

mittee of Pay-Table are directed to draw upon the Treasurer in their favour for said sum in bills, taking their receipt, to improve the same to the purpose aforesaid and render their account; and his Honor the Governor is desired on receipt of said sum or any part thereof, to forward the same to the proper treasurer, paymaster or officer, to be used for the purpose aforesaid, and lay the account thereof before the Congress that the same may be replaced in the treasury as soon as may be.

Whereas in the present session of this Assembly a committee were appointed to procure a sum of money in specie in exchange for bills and pay the same to his Honor the Governor, to be improved for the use of the northern army agreeable to a request &c.: And whereas it now appears that a more expeditious method of collecting the same is since devised: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said appointment be and the same is hereby revoked and made null and void.

The Honble Continental Congress having lately requested of this Colony to furnish a quantity of hard money or specie for the use of the northern army and engaged to replace the same in continental bills &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he is hereby directed to procure, in addition to what he has in Colony stock on hand and can be conveniently spared, so as to make the sum of eighteen hundred pounds, lawful money, in specie in the whole, and the said sum forward and deliver to the proper treasurer, pay-master or receiver of the continental army for the northern department, taking his receipt therefor, and the same deliver to his Honor the Governor with his account of expence attending the same, who is desired to have the same properly laid before the said Honble Continental Congress, that the same may be replaced in the treasury as soon as may be. Said Treasurer to be allowed said sum in account and to be charged with the same when received and replaced as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Colo. Selah Hart be and he is hereby appointed in addition to the committee appointed by this Assembly in May last to provide such store of lead as they shall judge necessary for the use of this Colony; and said committee are further authorized and directed on behalf of this Colony, to contract for, purchase and take the lead ore that is or may be raised out of the lead mine found in the possession of Mr. Mathew Hart in Farmington, and to dig and raise ore in said mine so far as shall appear to them profitable and necessary for the benefit of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Pay-Table of this Colony draw on the Treasurer in favour of Colo. Joshua Porter of Salisbury, overseer of the cannon-foundry carrying on at the furnace in said town, for the sum of eight hundred pounds in Continental or this Colony bills, keeping a proper account thereof and taking his receipt therefor to account for the improvement thereof in the service aforesaid when thereto required.

Resolved, That Thaddeus Burr, Esqr, call upon the post-masters from Hartford to Greenwich on the road to New York, and receive their accounts of the sums of money received by them respectively for postage of letters between the 15th day of June and 15th day of November 1775, and adjust the same with them, and that he collect and receive the several balances due on such accounts and render his account thereof to the Treasurer of this Colony when required.

[572] Whereas this Assembly at their sessions in October last appointed Oliver Wolcott and Andrew Adams, Esq^{rs}, a committee to settle and adjust accounts with Daniel Sherman and Benjamin Stiles, Esq^{rs}, for £500 0 0 by them received out of the treasury of this Colony to pay off and discharge the prizes in Ousatonuck River Lottery, which committee were directed to make report of their doings in the premises at this Assembly, and said committee having made no report nor done any thing relating thereto, because the said Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, hath not nor now is able to

attend the same: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that Andrew Adams and Reuben Smith, Esq^{rs}, of Litchfield, be and they hereby are appointed a committee to settle and adjust accounts with the said Daniel Sherman and Benjamin Stiles, Esq^{rs}, of their doings in the premises, as also their services, and receive of them whatever sum or part of said £500 pounds may be left in their hands not disposed of for the use aforesaid. And the said Daniel Sherman and Benja. Stiles, Esq^{rs}, are directed to render their accounts and payment as aforesaid to this committee, who are to make report to the next General Assembly of their doings in the premises.

Whereas information has been given to this Assembly that Capt. Hezekiah Brown, of the 12th military company in the 10th regiment in this Colony under the command of Colo. James Wadsworth, colonel of said regiment, hath, instead of forwarding as it was his duty to do, endeavoured to obstruct and embarrass, and hath in fact neglected and refused to obey certain orders given out to him by Jonathan Baldwin, Esqr, lieutenant-colonel of said regiment, in pursuance of orders from the captain-general of this Colony, to detach men for the service and defence of this Colony &c.: Whereupon this Assembly order and direct that a precept be issued forth by the Secretary of this Colony immediately, to arrest the body of him, the said Hezekiah Brown, and him have before this Assembly, to answer to the said information and further dealt with as to justice appertains; and that Colo. Baldwin with other proper evidence be also cited to appear &c.

Upon representation made to this Assembly that Capt. Hezekiah Brown, of the 12th military company in the 10th regiment in this Colony, hath refused to obey certain orders given out to him by the lieutenant-colonel of said regiment in pursuance of orders from the captain-general of this Colony, and the said Hezekiah Brown being heard on the matters aforesaid and found guilty of disobedience in the premises &c.: It is thereupon resolved and ordered, that the said Capt. Brown be and he is hereby cashiered and

rendered incapable of holding or sustaining any further military office in this Colony.

It being represented to this Assembly by the selectmen of the town of New Milford, that Capt. Isaac Bostwick was appointed by the inhabitants of said New Milford at their meeting held in December 1774, a collector to collect the Colony rate or tax made on the list of the inhabitants of said town, 1774, payable to the Treasurer of this Colony by the last day of December 1775, and in July last this Assembly did appoint the said Isaac Bostwick a captain in Colo. Webb's regiment raised for the defence of this Colony, and that the said Bostwick did enter into said service and still continues in said service, therefore being unable to collect said rate; whereupon the inhabitants of said town did at their town meeting held in December 1775, appoint Mr. Benjamin Bostwick jun^r to collect said rate, and pray that this Assembly would order and direct the Treasurer of this Colony to issue his warrant to the said Benjamin Bostwick jun^r to levy and collect the same: Whereupon this Assembly do order and direct that the Treasurer of this Colony issue his warrant to the said Benjamin Bostwick jun^r, to levy and collect the said rate or tax as aforesaid.

Whereas it is represented to this Assembly that the inhabitants of the town of Colchester at their annual meeting in December 1774, made choice of Henry Champion jun^r to be constable for said town in the year 1775, and to collect the Colony tax, and that said Henry before he received a warrant to collect said tax entered into the public service in the continental army, where he has continued ever since; and said town considering there was no person qualified to collect said tax, did at their legal meeting on the 28th day of March 1776, make choice of David Yeomans constable of said Colchester to collect said tax &c.· Resolved, that this Assembly do approve of and ratify said choice; and the Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to receive back the warrant issued as abovesaid to the said Henry Champion

jun^{r}, and to issue a new warrant in due form of law, ordering and impowering the said David Yeomans duly to collect and pay the same.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Thomas Fitch, Mr. Rufus Lathrop, Mr. Ebenezer Plummer, Mr. Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, Maj^{r} Samuel Selden, Colo. Joseph Platt Cook, Colo. Experience Storrs, and Colo. Philip Burr Bradley, a committee to audit and adjust the Colony accounts with the Treasurer, and make report of their doings in the premises to this Assembly.

[573] This Assembly do appoint Henry Champion, Esqr, to be Colonel of the twenty-fifth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Dyer Throop, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the twenty-fifth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Chapman, Esqr, to be Major of the twenty-fifth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Obadiah Horsford, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the twelfth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Jeremiah Mason, Esqr, to be Major of the twelfth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Seth Smith, Esqr, to be Major of the eighteenth regiment of militia in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Fisher Gay, Esqr, to be Colonel of the fifteenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Isaac Lee jun^{r}, resigned.

This Assembly do appoint Selah Hart, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the fifteenth regiment of militia in this Colony, in the room of Fisher Gay, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Hickox to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Camp to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Hart to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Tanner to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Buell to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abel Hall to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Brownson to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Edwards to be Lieutenant of the 13th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lott Osborn to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Bidwell to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Baldwin to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Bunnell to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elihu Baldwin to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Humphry to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Pinneo jun^r to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elias Bliss to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

[574] This Assembly do establish Daniel Dunham to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Orcutt jun^r to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Washborn jun^r to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Pinney to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Frisbee to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ambrose Sloper to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Stoughton to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Copley to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Haydon to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Osgood jun^r to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Robert Sharp to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Allyn to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elizur Warner to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Brownson to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Noble Hine to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amasa Keyes to be Captain of the troop of horse in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Perley Howe to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asaph Wilder to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the eleventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Tucker to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 11th regiment.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Goodwin to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Marsh 3d to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Frisbee to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

[575] This Assembly do establish Joseph Parsons to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Holt to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abel Johnson to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Hine to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Martin to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Chester Wells to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Handmer to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish George Stanly to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the sixth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jesse Bell to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Belding to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jared Bell to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Howe jun^r to be Ensign of the 13th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Boardman to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Barton Cook to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliezer Prentice to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Brown to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Case to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Charles Kibbee to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Somers in the 22d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eusebius Bushnell to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Naboth Cheeseborough to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Stonington in the eighth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Andrew Edmond to be Ensign of the 3d company or trainband in the 21st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Hezekiah Parsons to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the 19th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Denison 2d to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the town of Stonington, in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

[576] This Assembly do establish George Peck to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Palmer to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Robert Peck to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Green to be Captain of the eighth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Richards jun^r to be Lieutenant of the 19th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Amos Hickox jun^r to be

Ensign of the 19th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Stoddard to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thos. Hungerford to be Lieutenant of the 6th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Andrews to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonas Hinman to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Porter to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Robert Carr to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Kingsley to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 24th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Spees to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Rezin Gridley to be Captain of the 11th company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Uriah Raymond to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Serjeant to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Stoel to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Kennedy to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Palmer to be Ensign of the third company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliezer Huntington to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Lemuel Clark Ensign of the second company or trainband in the fifth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Pryor to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Allyn to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

[577] This Assembly do establish Austin Phelps to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the 1st regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Hubbard to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Savage to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Witter to be Lieutenant of the 1st company or trainband in the town of Preston in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Asa Smith to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Preston in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Joseph Smith to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Williams 4th to be Ensign of the 4th company or trainband in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Wheeler to be Captain of the 4th company or trainband in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Coats to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in Stonington in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Thomas Stevenson to be Lieutenant of the 4th company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ithamar Pelton to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Bezaleel Bebee to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the town of Litchfield in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Smith to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the town of Litchfield in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Spicer to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in Groton in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Geer to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in Groton in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Brown to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in Groton in the 8th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Cone junr to be Captain of the 2d company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Bezaleel Brainerd to be Lieutenant of the 2d company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Dodge to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Epaphras Loomiss to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Brainerd Spencer to be Ensign of the second company or trainband in the 12th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Lyon to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Stephen Tucker to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

[578] This Assembly do establish Phineas Walker to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 11th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abner Lord to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Griffing to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 3d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Marvin junr to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the third regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Stevens to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 14th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Eliphalet Thorp to be Captain of the 4th company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Penfield to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Dimon to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Aaron Porter to be Lieutenant of the eighth company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Dunham to be Ensign of the eighth company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Elliss junr to be Ensign of the fifth company in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish James Clark to be Lieutenant of the first company in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathan Dibble to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Abel jun^r to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Hickox to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Bailey to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Hayt jun^r to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Shute to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Botsford to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Comfort Starr to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Silas Hull to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Odel Close to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ames Barnes to be Captain of the 11th company in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Theodore Catlin to be Lieutenant of [the] 11th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Norton to be Ensign of the 11th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

[579] This Assembly do establish Israel Seymour to be Captain of the second company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Barnard to be Lieutenant of the second company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Beach Tomlinson to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the 4th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ephraim Curtiss to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Judson to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the fourth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Olmsted to be Ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Phineas Beardsley to be Captain of the sixth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Peter Penfield to be Lieutenant of the sixth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Gideon Beardsley to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Belden to be Captain of the troop of horse in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel St John to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Caleb St John to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hanford to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Comstock to be Captain of the seventh company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Abbott to be Lieutenant of the seventh company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Job Camp to be Captain of the troop of horse in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Hall 2d to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Beadle to be Cornet of the troop of horse in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abiel Baldwin to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the tenth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Richard Smith to be Captain of the tenth company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Shadrach Hubbell to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezra Dibble to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ely Hide to be Lieutenant of the 3d company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ezekiel Hide to be Ensign of the 3d company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Moses Stevens to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

[580] This Assembly do establish Simon Perkins to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elisha Morgan to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Charles Seymour to be Lieu-

tenant of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish George Kellogg to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Silvanus Marshall to be Ensign of the sixth company or trainband in the ninth regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Oliver Bates to be Lieutenant of the 15th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Banning to be Ensign of the 15th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jacob Brockett to be Captain of the ninth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Isaac Blackslee to be Lieutenant of the ninth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jared Hill to be Ensign of the ninth company or trainband in the second regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Denslow to be Lieutenant of a company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Haydon junr to be Ensign of a company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hills to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Benedict to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ozias Brownson to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 17th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Daniel Holt to be Lieutenant of the 16th company or trainband in the 10th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ebenezer Barnerd to be Captain of the first company or trainband in the town of Hartford in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish William Hamlin to be Captain of the fifth company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Clark to be Lieutenant of the fifth company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

The Assembly do establish Aaron Plum to be Ensign of the fifth company or trainband in the 23d regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Wright to be Captain of the fourth company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Robbins jun^r to be Ensign of the fourth company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Abel Botsford to be Captain of the 5th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Ichabod Fairman to be Lieutenant of the 5th company or trainband in the 16th regiment in this Colony.

[581] This Assembly do establish Edward Griswold jun^r to be Captain of the third company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Martin Holcomb to be Lieutenant of the third company or trainband in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Barber to be Ensign of the third company in the town of Windsor in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Josiah Newell jun^r to be ensign of the seventh company or trainband in the 15th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Zacheus Case to be Captain of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Charles Humphry to be Ensign of the 6th company or trainband in the 18th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Skinner to be Captain of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Reuben Elsworth to be Lieutenant of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Robert Sanford to be Quarter-Master of the troop of horse in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Nathaniel Shaylor to be Captain of the light infantry company in the town of Midletown.

This Assembly do establish Jabez Hamlin jun^r to be Lieutenant of the light infantry company in the town of Midletown.

This Assembly do establish George Phillips jun^r to be Ensign of the light infantry company in the town of Midletown.

This Assembly do establish Simeon Lay to be Lieutenant of the 10th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Jonathan Lay jun^r to be Ensign of the 10th company or trainband in the seventh regiment in this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Seth Adams, of Wilbraham in the Colony of the Massachusets Bay, shewing that in April last he purchased thirty-nine bushels of salt and one hogshead of rum in this Colony, to carry to his own house in said Wilbraham as soon as he could conveniently have transported the same; praying for liberty now to carry the said salt and rum out of this Colony &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have and liberty and licence is hereby granted to him, to transport said rum and salt out of this Colony to said Wilbraham, the late embargo laid by this Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Edmund Bement, shewing that one Jonas Mace junr put off to him a counterfeit nine-dollar bill for which he gave him the same value in other bills that were good; that the bills given him by the memorialist were all found upon the said Mace at the time of his conviction and taken as a forfeiture for use of this Colony; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, the memorialist shall have and receive of the Treasurer of this Colony the sum of fifty-four shillings, money, and he is hereby ordered to pay the same to him accordingly.

On the memorial of Eli Warner, administrator on the estate of Moses Huxley, late of Suffield in the district of Hartford, to this Assembly for liberty to make sale of the real estate of the said deceas'd to the amount of £22 12 1, L. money, to discharge the debts due from the estate of the said deceas'd with incident charges of sale, as on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the said memorialist, [582] to sell so much of || the real estate of the said Moses Huxley deceased as will raise the sum of £22 12 1, lawful money, with incident charges arising on the sale thereof; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Hartford in the sale of said real estate.

Upon the memorial of Jacob Morgan and Chloe his wife, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that they are desirous to make an exchange of land lying in New Haven for a piece of land lying in Waterbury belonging to William Adams, and the said Chloe is a minor under the age of twenty-one years; praying that the said Cloe may be impowered to execute a deed of said land in said New Haven to said Adams, upon his giving a deed to her of said land lying in said Waterbury, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Cloe be impowered and she is hereby authorized and impowered, to execute with her said husband a deed of said land, described in said memorial, to him the said Adams, upon his giving a

deed to her in her name of said land in Waterbury; which deed being executed in due form of law shall be as good and effectual in law to all intents and purposes as if said Cloe was of full age.

Upon the memorial of Amariah Plum, a soldier in Colo. Hinman's regiment raised for the defence of this Colony in the year 1775, shewing to this Assembly that he was a soldier in Capt. Watson's company in said regiment at the seige of St. Johns in the Province of Quebeck; that in obedience to the orders of his officers he was on the first day of said seige in a detachment at some distance from said garrison, where they were fired upon and engaged by a party of the enemy, in which action he was wounded by a musquet-ball which broke the bone of his thigh, whereby he fell into the hands of the enemy and was conveyed into said garrison and there remained until the surrendry of the same; that by the badness of the wound &c. the memorialist has the mortification to find himself still a cripple, and so must remain through life, being thereby in a great measure disabled from labour, the only means in his power of supporting himself and family; praying this Assembly to grant relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of twenty-five pounds, L. money, be granted and the same is hereby granted to the said Amariah Plum on his memorial aforesaid, and the Treasurer of the Colony is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly; that the deposition on which said memorial is granted be carried and lodged with the Committee of the Pay-Table by the memorialist, and that said committee thereupon give him an order on the Treasurer for said sum.

Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Douglas of New Haven, administratrix upon the estate of Benjamin Douglas deceas'd, representing that said deceas'd some time before his death purchased of Mr. Timothy Jones junr a negro man-servant: in consideration thereof it was agreed between said deceas'd and said Jones, that said Douglas would convey to said

Jones a certain piece or parcel of land in said town containing about fourteen rods with a store thereon, which was agreed that the land should be appraized by Samuel Bishop jun^r and Jacob Pinto, and such sum as they apprized the same at should go towards the payment of said negro. Said Douglas deceas'd before said land was apprized, and said administratrix and said Jones having lately got said apprizers to apprize said land, who have apprized the same, said administratrix praying that she may be impowered to convey said land agreeable to the covenant made between said deceas'd and said Jones, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to her, to execute a good and legal deed of conveyance of said land and store to said Jones according to said covenant and apprizement.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Lord and William Shipman, of Saybrook in New London county, shewing to this Assembly that on the encouragement held out by this Assembly the memorialist in March last agreed to attempt the manufacturing salt petre for the use of this Colony, and that they had by the evening of the 15th inst. had compleated a quantity which when refined would amount to 360, and had prepared a quantity of liquor that in two or three days would have compleated 400, and all devoted to the Colonies use: but on the morning of the 16th their boiling-house, salt petre &c. was by means to them unknown consumed by fire &c.; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be paid out of the treasury of this Colony the sum of sixty pounds, L. money; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Robert Fairchild, Stephen Boroughs and Abraham Brinsmade, all of Stratford, representing that it is needful in their opinion to have another powder-mill built in this Colony for manufacturing gun-powder for public use, and that Stratford is the most proper place, and praying for liberty to erect the same in said town, where they have a

[583] convenient place &c., as per memorial on file: || Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and licence is hereby granted them, to erect such powder mill in said Stratford for the purpose aforesaid, under the regulations which other powder-mills in this Colony by law are.

Upon the memorial of Peter Goodrich of Midletown, shewing to this Assembly that on the seventh of September 1775, he had provided 54*c.* 1*q.* 0 wt. of bread by special order for the use of this Colony, to supply the brig Minerva, of the price of eighteen shillings *per ct.* weight, and thirty tierces to stow it in of the price of 2*s.* 6 each, amounting to £53 12 0, money, in the whole, and that his house by accident took fire and consumed all of said bread and tierces &c., as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive out of the Colony treasury said sum of £53 12 0, money; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Nathaniel Jennison, of Rutland in Massachusets Bay, that he may have liberty to transport a hogshead of sugar to Rutland he had purchased of Mr. James Mitchell in this Colony before the embargo was laid by this Assembly on the exportation of that commodity by land out of the Colony &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved, that said Jennison have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted him, to transport said hogshead [of] sugar to Rutland, the said embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Uriel Holmes, agent for the inhabitants of Hartland, shewing to this Assembly that they have necessarily expended large sums of money for the support of the gospel ministry and making and maintaining necessary roads and bridges in said town; that they are in great want of further expenditures on bridges and highways &c., which they are unable to advance, and that a considerable part of the lands in said township now remain in the hands of non-resident proprietors, increasing in value whilst not subject

to taxes in the ordinary way; praying that a tax might be laid upon all the lands in said township and some proper person appointed to collect the same &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that a tax of two pence, L. money, be and the same is hereby laid on each acre of land in said township of Hartland, as well belonging to non-resident proprietors as said inhabitants, and that the said Uriel Holmes be and he is hereby appointed and authorized to collect and pay said tax to the treasurer of said Hartland, to be improved in building bridges and making and maintaining of convenient highways or roads in said township, according to the order and direction of the selectmen of said Hartland.

Upon the memorial of Orchard Guy of Branford, executor of the last will and testament of Orchard Guy late of said Branford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd and the real estate heretofore sold the sum of £190 13 5; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and he is hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall amount to said sum of £190 13 5, L. money, with the incident charges of said sale; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Guilford therein.

Upon the memorial of Moses Tuttle and Enoch Thomas jun^r, of Wallingford in New Haven [county,] conservators of the persons and estate of Enoch Thomas and his wife of said Wallingford, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said Enoch Thomas amount to the sum of £62 10 5, L. money, and that there is not moveable estate to pay said sums exclusive of such as the hon^ble county court for the county of New Haven have reserved as necessaries for said Enoch and his wife; praying for liberty

to sell so much of the said Enoch's real estate as to pay said sums with necessary charges thereon arising, they taking the direction of the county court in the county of New Haven therein: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Moses Tuttle have liberty, and authority is hereby given to the said Moses Tuttle, to sell and dispose of so much of the real estate of the said Enoch Thomas as to pay said sum of £62 10 5, lawful money, with necessary charges thereon arising; he taking the direction of the county court in the county of New Haven therein.

Upon the memorial of Isaac Bostwick, of New Milford in Litchfield county, shewing to this Assembly that he was a captain in Colo. Webb's regiment, and that he received for the use of the Colony twenty-three stands of arms and gave his receipt for the same, which were carried and used in public service and at the end of the campaign returned to the selectmen of the towns of Kent, Salisbury and Canaan, and were again delivered out to the soldiers going against Quebeck, and the said Bostwick not being able to procure receipts for the same, praying that the Committee of the Pay-Table may be directed to pay the memorialist his full [584] wages, taking his bond &c., as per || memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they hereby are directed to pay to the memorialist the full sum due to him, and to take his bond payable to the Treasurer of this Colony, with proper conditions for the security of the value of said arms unaccounted for, and that the memorialist do account for said arms or pay the value thereof in some reasonable time.

Upon the memorial of Adonijah Strong, of Salisbury in the county of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that he was on the 31st of January 1776, by the Honble Governor and Council of Safety for this Colony appointed to make necessary provision for such necessaries as were appointed for the march of the regiment then raising under the command of Colo. Burrall as far as Albany, which your memo-

rialist undertook, and accordingly laid out and expended divers considerable sums of money more than he receiv'd in such necessaries as were requisite for the march aforesaid, and having applied to General Schuyler for the payment of his disbursements in the premises, but not being able to obtain the same, praying this Assembly to order payment of such sums as shall appear to be justly due &c., as per memorial &c. on file. The memorialist's accounts and vouchers being carefully examined, it is found that said Strong as commissary hath expended £491 15 11 in providing for and marching Colo. Burrell's regiment and one company of matrosses to Albany, and that he hath received £280 19 0, and that there is justly due to said Strong a balance of £210 16 11 &c.: And thereupon it is resolved by this Assembly, that upon the memorialist producing to and lodging with the Committee of Pay-Table his proper vouchers &c. together with his accounts, the said Committee of Pay-Table be ordered and directed, and they are hereby ordered and directed, to draw an order upon the Treasurer of the Colony for the said sum of £210 16 11, L. money, accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Edward Tiley, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he was a lieutenant in Capt. James Arnold's company in the regiment of forces raised in this Colony in May 1775, under the command of Maj. General Wooster; that while he was in the service of the United Colonies as an officer aforesaid he was employed in business which laid him under a necessity of expending monies for the furthering of said service, which have never been reimbursed him; that on the 19th day of September last he was by Capt. Vandeput taken a prisoner while on business appointed to him by said General Wooster, and detained by said Vandeput until about the 14th day of April last, and that he was obliged to expend large sums of money for his subsistance which have never been reimbursed him, nor have his wages or any part of them ever been paid; praying this Assembly to grant him his wages and expences for the time he was a prisoner as aforesaid &c., as per memo-

rial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of thirty-two pounds thirteen shillings and six pence, L. money, be granted and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist for his wages &c. as aforesaid; and the Committee of Pay-Table are ordered to draw upon the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Aaron Whitney, of Northfield in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, representing to this Assembly that late the last fall he purchased in New York, among other articles, one hogshead of rum and one hogshead of sugar, and then shipped the same on board a lighter to be transported up Connecticut River to Northfield, but by misfortune was left at East Haven through the last winter, and that he had not been able to transport the same to Northfield till the act prohibiting the exportation of West India goods was pass'd, and praying for liberty to transport the same out of this Colony &c., as per memorial &c.: It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, that liberty and liberty and licence is hereby granted to the said Aaron Whitney, to transport the said hogshead of rum and hogshead of sugar out of this Colony into the Province of the Massachusets Bay, the said embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Judd, of Southamton in the Province of the Massachusets, shewing that on the 15th day of February last he purchased of Capt. John Chenevard of Hartford one hogshead of rum, and on the seventh day of April last two other hogsheads of rum of Mr. Caleb Bull, to carry to Southampton in the Province of the Massachusets Bay when he could with convenience; praying for liberty now to transport the same out of this Colony into the Province of the Massachusets Bay, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and licence is hereby granted him, to transport the said rum out of this Colony into the Province of the Massachusets Bay, the late embargo laid by this Assembly notwithstanding.

[585] Upon the memorial of Isaac Lawrence and Abiel Fellows, of Canaan in the county of Litchfield, representing

to this Assembly that there is a bond in the hands of the Treasurer of this Colony given by Tarball Whitney in behalf of the selectmen of said town of Canaan to the Governor and Company of said Colony for the sum of two hundred and fourteen pounds nine shillings and nine pence, lawful money, dated the 28th day of November 1771, and that the memorialists are the real debtors, and that they have reduced said sum by sundry payments to about forty-one pounds principal, and that they are disabled from discharging said bond by the course of justice being stopt in the Colony of the Massachusets Bay, where they have large sums of money due; praying for a suspension of the payment of their said bond to the Governor and Company until the rising of this Assembly in May next, as per memorial on file: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that the sum due on said bond given by the said Tarball Whitney to the Governor and Company be and hereby is suspended until the rising of this Assembly in May next, and the Treasurer of this Colony is directed to conduct accordingly.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of New Haven, representing to this Assembly that they have paid out of the treasury of said town the sum of £8 18 2, for the support of Moses Tuttle of said town, an impotent person; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Tuttle as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with incident charges of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of said Tuttle as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £8 18 2, together with the incident charges of such sale, and said sum when raised pay into the treasury of said town, to reimburse them for the sum paid out as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of the town of New Haven, representing to this Assembly that they have paid out of the treasury of said town the sum of £9 2 0, for the

support of Stephen Clark of said town, an impotent person; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said Clark as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charges of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto them, to sell so much of the real estate of said Clark as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £9 2 0, together with the incident charges of such sale, and said sum when raised pay into the treasury of said town, to reimburse them for the same paid out as aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of David Griffin, John Williams and John Knickerbacker, all of Salisbury in Litchfield county, representing to this Assembly that it is needful, in their opinion, to have another powder-mill erected in this Colony for manufacturing gun-powder for public use, and that said Salisbury is the most proper place, and praying for liberty to erect and set up the same in said Salisbury, where they have a convenient stream of water and place to set the works, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said David Griffen, John Williams and John Knickerbacker, have liberty, and liberty and licence is hereby granted to them, to erect and set up such powder-mill in said Salisbury for the purposes aforesaid, under the regulations which other powder-mills are by law in this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Joseph West, administrator on the estate of Samuel Barnerd late of Tolland in Hartford county, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from the estate of said deceas'd, as allowed by the court of probate for the district of Stafford, surmount the moveable inventoried part of said estate the sum of £46 3 1¼, L. money, for which a certificate heretofore has been given for the sum of £35 2 1¼, L. money, and that there remains yet due and unpaid of said debts the sum of £11 1 0, L. money, for which no certificate hath been given, and that he hath no estate in his hand to pay the

same; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £11 1 0, L. money, with incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Joseph West, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £11 1 0, L. M., with incident charges arising on said sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stafford therein.

Upon the memorial of John Kirtland, of Norwich in the county of Hamshire, shewing to this Assembly that he hath in the store of Mr. Alexander Allen of Windsor a hogshead of rum, which he bought in January last; praying for liberty to transport the same to said Norwich, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Kirtland hath liberty to transport said hogshead of rum out of this Colony to Norwich in the county of Hamshire, any embargo in this Colony notwithstanding.

[586] Upon the memorial of George Cooley, shewing that he was at much extraordinary expence in taking care of his son, a sick soldier, last summer in the service of this Colony; praying for relief &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of four pounds, money, be and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist, and the Treasurer of this Colony is ordered to pay the same to him acordingly.

On the memorial of Ebenezer Hart, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, administrator on the estate of Ebenezer Hart late of Farmington, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of Ebenezer Hart, late of said Farmington, dec^{d}, surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd, exclusive of a small allowance made for the necessary support of said deceas'd's family, the sum of £151 8 1½, L. money; praying this Assembly that he or some other proper person may be authorized to sell so much of the

real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £151 8 1½, L. money: Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ebenezer Hart have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the said Ebenezer Hart, to sell and dispose of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £151 8 1½ with necessary charges thereon arising; he taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of James Graves, shewing that he shipt in the West Indies on board a vessel bound to Guilford in this Colony two hogsheads and an half of sugar, where it arrived and now lyeth in store; praying for liberty to carry the same out of this Colony to his own home in the Colony of Rhode Island, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and licence is hereby granted to him, to transport and carry said two hogsheads and an half of sugar out of this Colony, the late embargo laid by this Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Chester of Groton, shewing that he lost in the dwelling-house of Nathan Smith, Esqr, lately consumed by fire, three forty-shillings bills of this Colony emitted in the year 1775; praying to be restored &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer do and he is hereby ordered and directed to pay to the memorialist the sum of six pounds, money, in bills out of the public treasury of this Colony.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Rundle and William Rundle, executors on the estate of Joseph Rundle late of New Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the said deceas'd together with a small allowance to the widow, over and above the provision made in the will of said deceas'd, surmount said inventoried moveable estate and said provision the sum of £21 1 9, as appears by the memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to them, to sell so

much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall enable them to pay the sum of £21 1 9, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Danbury therein.

On the memorial of Elijah Hubbard and James Starr, administrators on the estate of Lieut. John Kent late of Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate surmount the moveable part thereof the sum of £73 9 8, L. money, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell lands &c.: Resolved, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the memorialists, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £73 9 8, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Owen, Martin Winchell, and Elisha Winchell, executors to the last will and testament of Thomas Winchell late of Symsbury, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts, charges and legacies exhibited against the estate of the said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £84 3 6, L. money, for the payment of which sum no provision is made by the will of the said deceas'd: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Samuel Owen, Martin Winchell and Elisha Winchell have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to them, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as to raise said sum of £84 3 6, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Symsbury therein.

On the memorial of Elizabeth Thrall and John Phelps 3d, administrators on the estate of Timothy Thrall late of Windsor, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against the estate of the said deceas'd with some allowance to the widow of the said deceas'd surmount the

moveable part of the personal estate of the said deceas'd the sum of £236 7 5, L. money; praying for liberty to make [587] || sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty and they are hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £236 7 5, L. money, with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of James Law, of Lebanon in Windham county, shewing that he was a soldier in the service of this Colony and continent in the year 1775, in the army near Boston, was drawn off and engaged in the battle on Bunkers Hill the 17th of June, where he had the misfortune to have his right arm broken by a shot from the ministerial troops, by which he has wholly lost the use of his hand, is a joiner by trade, about twenty-two years old, has no estate nor any means of supporting himself but by labour, which by means thereof he is unable to perform and thereby deprived of his prospect of support and comfort; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: It is therefore granted and resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony pay unto the said James Law the sum of fifty pounds in current bills of credit as and for a relief and support to him under his disabled and distressed circumstances.

On the memorial of Lemuel Dorrance, of Voluntown in the county of Windham, administrator on the estate of Mr. Seth Pope late of said Voluntown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, costs &c. surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £72 3 9, L. money; praying to this Assembly for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said £72 3 9, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file, dated the 13th of May 1776: Resolved by this Assembly, that said administrator have liberty, and hereby liberty and

authority is granted, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to amount to the sum of £72 3 9, L. money, with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

On the memorial of Ayr Phillips, of Plainfield in the Colony of Connecticut, administrator on the estate of Jonathan Phillips late of Plainfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts, costs, and necessaries set out to the widow of said deceas'd, allowed by the court of probate for the district of Plainfield, surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £41 3 8, L. money; praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 7th of May 1776: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty and he is hereby authorized aud impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £41 3 8, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Plainfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Osborn, of Fairfield in Fairfield county, administrator of the estate of John Osborn late of said Fairfield, deceased, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Fairfield, together with a small allowance to the widow of said deceas'd as necessaries to keep house with, surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £28 6 9½, L. money; praying for power and authority to sell and convey so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and discharge the said sum of £28 6 9½, together with the incident charges arising on the sale thereof, as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Ebenezer Osborn be and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell and convey so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and discharge the

said sum of £28 6 9½, together with the incident charges arising on the sale thereof; taking the directions of the court of probate for the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Noah Woodruff, of Farmington in the county of Hartford, conservator of the person and estate of David Woodruff of said Farmington, an impotent person, shewing to this Assembly that he hath expended toward the support and maintenance of said David Woodruff the sum of £29 18 5, L. money, which hath been allowed by the county court for the county of Hartford, and for the payment of which the said David hath no moveable estate; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said David as shall be sufficient to raise said sum with the incident charges arising on said sale, as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to the memorialist, to make sale of so much of the real estate of said David Woodruff as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £29 18 5, L. money, with the incident charge of such sale.

Upon the memorial of Seth Austin, shewing that he had put into his hands about £100 0 0 of the public monies by Commissary Wadsworth, to purchase wheat for the army; that he had his house and desk broke open and thirteen pounds of said money stolen from him, which he has been unable to recover, as per memorial: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive of the Treasurer of this Colony £13 0 0, money, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

[588] Upon the memorial of Jonas Mace jun^r of Stafford, now confined in New-Gate at Symsbury by judgment of the hon^ble superior court for altering the bills of the Continental Congress &c., shewing that he had ever before sustained a good character, that this was the first instance of the kind, that he has given strong proof of his penitence and sorrow for his offence, and of having formed strong resolutions of

future good behaviour &c., and praying to be released from his imprisonment aforesaid by a special act of grace and favour of this Assembly, as per memorial on file, and having produced testimonials from persons of approved good character confirming his representations of his former good conduct &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Jonas Mace jun^{r} be and he is hereby released and discharged from his imprisonment aforesaid, and the keeper of said Newgate prison is hereby ordered and directed immediately on legal notice hereof by an attested copy under the hand of the Secretary, to release and set at liberty said Jonas Mace jun^{r} from his imprisonment aforesaid in said New-Gate prison.

On the memorial of Abner Peck, of Wallingford in New Haven county, administrator on the estate of Stephen Peck jun^{r} late of said Wallingford, deceas'd, representing to this Assembly that the debts due from said deceas'd's estate surmount the whole of the moveable estate of said deceas'd, excepting some small allowance to the widow, the sum of £52 11 3, L. money; praying for liberty to sell and dispose of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £52 11 3 with charges thereon arising: Therefore it is resolved by this Assembly, that the said Abner Peck be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell and dispose of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to pay said sum of £52 11 3, lawful money, with the charges thereon arising; he taking the direction of the court of probate for the district therein.

Upon the memorial of Ebenezer Strong of Colchester, shewing to this Assembly that he was collector of the Colony taxes in the town of Colchester on the list of 1772, and had collected of the said tax the sum of £16 11 0, L. money, in bills of credit of this Colony which he had in his pocket on or about the 17th day of November 1774, and that one Loudon Done, a prisoner whom the memorialist then had in his custody, secretly took the said paper bills out of his said pocket and destroyed the same and other papers &c., and

was not able to make good the damage; praying for an abatement of said sum of £16 11 0, or so much thereof as the memorialist on examination appears to have lost as aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that there be abated to the memorialist the sum of thirteen pounds sixteen, L. money, on the rate aforesaid, and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby directed to allow the same to the memorialist in the settlement of said rate accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Rachel Sewaard, widow and relict of Nathan Seward late of Durham, deceas'd, and guardian of the children of said deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that Nathaniel Seward late of said Durham, deceas'd, after giving to his widow certain personal estate and the improvement of certain real estate in and by his last will and testament he gave and devised to his only son, the said deceas'd Nathan, the residuum of his estate, on condition he should pay to Lucia the wife of Moses Austin of Wallingford one hundred pounds including what she had already receiv'd in advance of her portion in money, moveable estate or lands, and that said Nathan set off to said Lucia twenty acres of land lying in Guilford in part satisfaction of said legacy, and that said Nathan died in April last having never conveyed said land to the said Lucia; praying some meet person may be appointed to convey said land, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that Mr Eliakim Strong of Durham be and he is hereby impowered to make and execute some proper instrument of conveyance of said twenty acres of land lying in Guilford to the said Lucia, her heirs and assigns, whereby she or they may hold the same in manner and form as if it had been conveyed by said Nathan in his lifetime.

Upon the memorial of William Cogswell and Sarah Mallery, administrators on the estate of Samuel Mallery late of New Milford, deceas'd, and Eliphalet Whittelsey, Hannah Whittelsey and Manda Mallery of Kent, shewing to this Assembly that said Hannah Whittelsey purchased of Ephraim Keeney a certain piece of land mentioned in said memorial,

and that said Hannah procured the deed of said land to be made to said deceas'd as a security for the fulfilment of the condition of a certain bond to said deceas'd, which said bond was paid to said William Cogswell; and also shewing that deeds were given by said Keeney to said deceas'd of sundry pieces of land mentioned in said memorial, purchased with the estate of said Manda Mallery, which said land was conveyed to said deceas'd in trust for said Mallery and in security for the indemnification of said deceas'd from a certain bond given by said deceas'd to William Cogshall, and shewing that the condition of said bond is fulfilled; and the memorialists pray that some suitable person or persons may be appointed to [589] convey said several || pieces of land to Mr. Philip Strong of Kent in trust for said Hannah Whittlesey and said Manda Mallery, the equitable owners and proprietors thereof: Resolved by this Assembly, that Capt. Moses Averill have power and authority, and power is hereby given to said Averill, to convey said three pieces of land mentioned in said memorial to said Philip Strong in trust for the use of the owners and proprietors in equity thereof.

Upon the memorial of Benjamin Kimball, of Plainfield in the Province of New Hamshire, shewing to this Assembly that on the 12th day of February last he purchased twelve hogsheads of salt containing 156 bushels of Mr. Nath[ll] Eells jun[r] of Midletown, and paid the said Eells £30 6 0 for the same, since which an embargo is laid on all West India goods, so that the aforesaid salt is thereby now detained in this Colony; praying for liberty to transport the same out of this Colony to said town of Plainfield, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Kimball have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the said Kimball, to transport said twelve hogsheads of salt out of this Colony to the Province of New Hamshire, the aforesaid embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Theodore Hopkins, of Northampton in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing to this

Assembly that he purchased half a barrel of rum and four hogsheads of salt at Hartford on the 13th day of May last and before the embargo on West India goods was laid by this Assembly, and praying for liberty to transport said goods to said Northampton, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to transport out of this Colony the said half barrel of rum and four hogsheads of salt, the said embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Eunice Peet, administratrix on the estate of Nathan Peet of Stratford in Fairfield county, late deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges against said deceas'd's estate, with some small allowance to the widow of said deceas'd, surmount the moveable estate £86 14 3½, and that she has nothing in her hands to pay the same; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of the deceas'd sufficient to raise the sum of £86 14 3½ with the incident charges arising thereon, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto the said memorialist, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £86 14 3½, to pay the debts of said deceas'd, together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Fairfield therein.

Upon the memorial of the town of East Windsor in the county of Hartford, praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estates of the inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town, during the pleasure of the Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of East Windsor have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of the said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be

collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town, and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for the repairing highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered by the selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time as occasion shall require, to divide the highways in said town into districts, and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highway to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyors to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts, in the same manner and form as other town taxes are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereunto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors. And all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hand of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively, in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of East Windsor during the pleasure of this Assembly.

[590] Upon the memorial of John Sebastian Stephany, praying for a reasonable rent for the lead mine in Midletown during the term the Colony hath or shall use and improve the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the committee who have the care of said mines for this Colony

pay to the several persons from whom the said Stephany hath leases of said mines the several annual rents reserved on such leases for and during the term the Colony shall improve and use the same, and also that the said committee annually and at the end of every year make up an account of the cost and expence of working said mine for the year preceding, and also take an account of all the lead that hath or shall have been made and procured out of the same the preceding year, and that whatever the amount of said lead at a reasonable value shall exceed the amount of the cost and expences of the Colony in procuring said lead and working said mine for the purpose shall be paid and allowed to said Stephany for the use of said mine.

Upon the memorial of Hannah Smith, of Woodstock in the district of Pomphret, administratrix on the estate of Asa Smith late of said Woodstock, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the said deceas'd in and by his last will and testament appointed Mr. Silas Bowen sole executor thereto, and thereby ordered and impowered the said Silas, as executor as aforesaid, to sell a certain part of said deceased's real estate as mentioned and described in said will, for the payment of the just debts, charges, &c. due and that should arise against the estate of said deceas'd, and that said executor refused said trust of executor to said will, and that the debts paid and yet due from the estate of said deceas'd surmount the personal or moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £145 19 2, L. money, for the payment of which no provision is made; praying to this Assembly that she, as administratrix, together with Jedidiah Morse, Esqr, of said Woodstock, may be appointed and impowered to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd mentioned and described in said will and testament as shall be sufficient to pay the said sum of £145 19 2 with the incident charges arising thereon &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administratrix with the said Jedidiah Morse have liberty and they are hereby impowered, to make sale of so much of the said deceas'd's real estate

mentioned in said will to be sold as aforesaid, as shall be sufficient for the payment of the sum of £145 19 2, L. money, with the incident charges thereon arising; taking the direction of the court of probate in the district of Pomphret therein.

Upon the memorial of James Church of Hartford, representing to this Assembly that in the latter part of the month of March last he bought for Joel Bancroft, of Granville in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, two hogsheads of West India rum and thirty-three bushels of Saltertuda salt; that the said rum and salt, on account of the great scarcity of hay, has been left at Hartford and not carried to said Bancroft's home at Granville &c.; and praying for liberty to transport the same out of this Colony into the Province of the Massachusets Bay &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that he have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted, to export the said two hogsheads of rum and thirty-three bushels of salt out of this Colony into the Province of the Massachusets Bay, the embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Amos Fuller, shewing to this Assembly that he inlisted a soldier in the public service in the company under the command of Capt. Levi Wells in the spring of the year 1775, and served in the army at Roxbury until the first of December last, when he supposing the time to be expired for which he inlisted returned home without liberty from his said officer, by reason whereof he is denied his wages; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have his wages paid him to the first day of September last, and that the Committee of the Pay-Table pass due order on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Samuel Dewey of Hebron, shewing to this Assembly that since the 15th of May 1775, he has made 46 gun-barrels and 21 bayonets, all which have been finished off and employed in the public service; praying for the premium granted on guns &c., as per memorial:

Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive the premium of 3*s*. 6*d*. on each gun by him made as aforesaid, amounting to £8 1 0, money, out of the Colony treasury, and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Amos Parmerly of Litchfield, shewing to this Assembly that his son John Palmerly, a minor, a soldier in Maj^r Welch's company in General Wooster's regiment in the northern department in the year 1775, was discharged from said service on account of sickness, and thereupon immediately repaired home to said Litchfield, where his sickness increasing and continuing upon him for a long time necessarily occasioned to the memorialist the expence of the sum of £14 12 1, L. money, for medicine, physicians and other necessaries for his said sick son; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby allowed the said sum of £14 12 1, L. money, and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

[591] Upon the memorial of the widow Lidia Crane of Weathersfield, shewing to this Assembly that she had only three sons, all of whom entered into their country's service; that the eldest died in the camp, the second is in the continental service, the third after having risqued his life in the Bunker Hill engagement, on the first of December, supposing his inlistment to be out, set off for home and travelled about twenty miles but by order of his captain returned back four miles when he was taken with a delirium which caused him to stroll, and in a short time ended his life, by which means she is deprived of her sons on whom she depended for support; praying that the wages due to her said third son may be paid her &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive out of the Colony treasury said wages, amounting to £5 15 2, L. money, and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Shubael Conant, of Mansfield in the county and district of Windham, administrator on the estate of the Honble Shubael Conant late of said Mansfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges and allowances on and against the estate of said deceas'd surmount inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd in the sum of £363 1 0; praying to be impowered to sell so much of said deceas'd's real estate as will be sufficient to pay said sum and incident charges, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said administrator have liberty, and he is hereby enabled and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to raise the sum and amount of said debts together with the incident charges of sale, to be improved for payment of the same; taking the direction of the court of probate of said district therein.

Upon the memorial of Hosea Harriss, executor of the last will of Thomas Harriss deceas'd, shewing that the debts already allowed due from said deceas'd's estate amount to the sum of £255 1 8¾, which the testator ordered to be paid by said will out of his real estate, but did not impower his executors to make sale of the same, and one of said executors hath since deceas'd; praying for liberty to make sale of said estate to satisfy said debts &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that said memorialist be and he is hereby impowered and appointed to make sale of so much of said real estate of said deceas'd appointed by said will to be sold, as shall be sufficient to satisfy the aforesaid sum with the incident charges thereon; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the representation of Jedidiah Elderkin and Nathaniel Wales junr, shewing to this Assembly that they have manufactured at their powder-mill in Windham one thousand pounds weight of good merchantable gun-powder, for which they are by law entituled to a premium of thirty pounds, lawful money; praying for an order on the Treasurer to pay

the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Treasurer of this Colony be and he hereby is ordered and directed to pay out of the Colony treasury to said Elderkin and Wales said sum of thirty pounds, L. money, taking their receipt therefor.

Upon the memorial of John Jenkins, of Westmoreland in the county of Litchfield, representing to this Assembly that the inhabitants of said Westmoreland were desirous of having a powder-mill erected in that place, as the same is more than one hundred miles distant from any powder-mill now erected in this Colony; praying for liberty to be granted to the selectmen of said Westmoreland or such persons as they shall contract with, to erect a powder-mill &c, as per memorial on file: Therefore resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be and hereby is granted to the present selectmen of said Westmoreland, or such person as they shall agree with, to erect a powder-mill in said Westmoreland for the purpose of manufacturing gun-powder.

Upon the memorial of Ozias Bingham of Norfolk, shewing to this Assembly that in the last years campaign to the northward he faithfully served as a good soldier, and that afterward, *viz.* on the ninth day of January last, he was lawfully taken in execution and committed to the public goal in Litchfield at the suit of Abraham Kellogg of New Hartford, but that being still desirous to serve his country he, on the second day of February last, inlisted into the continental service and is now a serjeant in a company commanded by Capt. Austin in a regiment gone to Canada, and that he hath long since taken the poor prisoner's oath &c.; praying that upon his executing his note for the payment of the contents of said execution to said Kellogg he, your memorialist, may be liberated from goal and join his said company &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved, that the memorialist, upon his executing and delivering his note of hand for the debt for which he is imprisoned and all cost, payable on the first day of February next with the lawful interest from the date

thereof until paid, and that upon his enlargement from imprisonment he forthwith join the said company to which he belongs, be enlarged and set at liberty from his said imprisonment.

[592] Upon the memorial of Oliver Newell, of West Stockbridge in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing to this Assembly that on the 13th day of May last he bought of Capt. Thomas Goodwin of Midletown three barrels of New England rum, for which rum pay was made on the day of purchase, and not having conveyance at that time the same remained in this Colony until since the embargo laid by this Assembly on rum &c. took place; praying for liberty to transport said rum, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is granted to the memorialist, to transport said rum aforesaid out of this Colony to said town of Stockbridge, said embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Capt. Samuel Olcott of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that in April last and in the fore part of instant May he sold to John Hale of Springfield one hogshead of molasses, to Capt. Jonathan Judd of Northamton two hogsheads of molasses and one tierce of sugar, and to one Williams of Hatfield one other hogshead of molasses: all said persons dwelling out of this Colony, in the Colony of Massachusets Bay, and received his pay for all said articles, and not having conveyance at that time the same remained with him until since the embargo laid by this Assembly on West India goods took place; praying for liberty to send said goods to said purchasers, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have, and liberty is hereby granted to the memorialist, to transport said West India goods aforesaid out of this Colony to the purchasers aforesaid, said embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Artemas Johnson of Branford, shewing to this Assembly that being a soldier in a company

commanded by Capt. Douglas in Gen^ll Wooster's regiment in the northern campaign in the year 1775, at the Isle au Neaux, he accidentally received a wound in his arm, which necessarily occasioned the amputation thereof, whereby he is rendered unable to labour for the support of himself and family; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of sixty pounds, L. money, be granted, and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist, and the Treasurer of this Colony directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Mary Ogden, of Fairfield in Fairfield county, administratrix of the estate of Samuel Ogden late of said Fairfield, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited to and allowed by the court of probate for Fairfield district against the estate of said deceas'd surmount the moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of seventy-seven pounds five shillings and ten pence half-penny, L. money, and praying for power and authority to sell and convey so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and discharge the said sum of £77 5 10½ together with the incident charges arising on the sale thereof, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mary Ogden be and she is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell and convey so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd Samuel Ogden as will be sufficient to pay and discharge the said sum of £77 5 10½ together with the incident charges arising upon the sale thereof; taking the directions of the court of probate for Fairfield district therein.

On the memorial of John Higby and David Higby, both of Midletown in the Colony of Connecticut, executors to the last will and testament of Edward Higby late of said Midletown, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges due from said estate and allowed by the court of probate for the district of Midletown surmount the moveable part of said estate the sum of £14 19 11, L. money, and

that the testator made no provision in his said last will and testament for the sale of any of his real estate for the payment of his debts, and thereupon praying for liberty to sell lands &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 8th of May 1776: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will procure the aforesaid sum of £14 19 11, L. money, together with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Midletown therein.

Upon the memorial of John Watson of Canaan, shewing to this Assembly that he was captain of the ninth company in the fourth regiment raised in said Colony in the year 1775, for the defence of the same; that whilst in said service in the northern army at the seige of St. Johns in an engagement with the enemy he was unfortunately wounded by a musquet ball, which entered his body about three inches the left side of his back-bone and out through his right side, which so cut the cords and sinews and broke the bone of his back that he finds himself thereby rendered incapable not only of serving his country in a military capacity but also of common labour for the support of himself and family &c.; praying for relief &c. as per memorial on file &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of sixty pounds, L. money, be and the same is hereby granted to the memorialist, and the Treasurer is hereby directed and ordered to pay the same to him accordingly.

[593] Upon the memorial of Reuben Beecher of New Haven, conservator of the person and estate of Ephraim Morriss of said New Haven, representing that he had expended for the support of said Morriss and paying his debts the sum of £37 3 5¾; praying that he might be impowered to sell so much of the real estate of said Morriss as shall be sufficient to pay said sum together with the incident charge of such sale, as per memorial on file appears: Resolved by this

Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted unto him, to sell so much of the real estate of said Morriss as shall be sufficient to pay said sum of £37 3 5¾, L. money, together with the incident charge of such sale.

On the memorial of Dudley Case, administrator on the estate of William Humphrey late of New Hartford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges exhibited against said estate, with a small allowance made to the widow of said deceas'd, surmount the moveable inventoried part thereof the sum of £44 12 10½; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to make said sum: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby granted to him, to sell so much of said deceas'd's real estate as to make said sum of £44 12 10½ with the incident charges arising on such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Farmington therein.

Upon the memorial of Jonathan Dickerson, of Amherst in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, representing to this Assembly that in the beginning of April last he bought of James and Horace Hooker of Windsor one barrel of West India rum, and not having an opportunity to send the same to Shutesberry the same is still at Windsor; and praying for liberty to transport the same out of this Colony into the Province of the Massachusets Bay, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Jonathan have liberty, and liberty and licence is hereby granted to him, to export the said barrel of rum out of this Colony into the Province of the Massachusets Bay, the embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of John Morriss, a prisoner in Newgate prison for altering and counterfeiting a Rhode Island bill and passing the same by the judgment of the hon^ble^ superior court a term not yet expired, expressing his penitence and giving assurance of his future good behaviour, the overseers and

master of said prison having certified that the said John ever since he has been confined in said prison has behaved himself well; praying to be released from his said confinement, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said John Morriss be and he is hereby discharged from his said imprisonment, upon condition he give to the Treasurer of this Colony his personal security to pay for the use of this Colony the sum of £15 0 0, L. money, to be paid in three annual payments; and the overseers of said prison are hereby impowered to take said security; and the keeper thereof thereupon is hereby ordered to release and set at liberty the memorialist from his said imprisonment.

Upon the petition of Eliphalet Bulkley, of Colchester in Hartford county, against Oliver Bulkley of said Colchester, Samuel Huntington, Esqr, of Norwich, and others, creditors to the said Eliphalet; praying for an act of insolvency, as per petition on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the further consideration of said petition be referred to the General Assembly to be held at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next; and the person and estate of the said Eliphalet is hereby exempted from arrest or imprisonment for any debt due before the date of said petition until the rising of the General Assembly in October next.

Upon the memorial of Dudley Humphry of Norfolk, administrator on the estate of Charles Thrall late of Norfolk, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal estate the sum of £22 18 4, L. money; praying for liberty to sell so much of the real estate as to answer the same with incident charges &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Dudley Humphry be and he is hereby authorized and impowered, to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd Charles Thrall as will be sufficient to answer said sum of £22 18 4 with incident charges arising thereon; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate in the district of Litchfield therein.

Upon the memorial of Sivignion Lewiss, of Stratford in Fairfield county, administrator of the estate of Sevignion Lewiss late of said Stratford, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts due from the estate of said deceas'd, together with a small allowance to the widow of said deceas'd as necessaries to keep house with, surmount the inventoried moveable estate of said deceas'd the sum of £81 17 6, L. [594] money, and that he hath not any estate in || his hands for the payment thereof, therein praying for liberty and authority to sell and convey so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and discharge the said sum of eighty-one pounds seventeen shillings and six pence together with the incident charges on the sale thereof &c., as per memorial on file may appear: Resolved by this Assembly, that Sevignion Lewiss, administrator as aforesaid, is hereby authorized and impowered to sell and convey so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will be sufficient to pay and discharge the said sum of £81 17 6 together with the incident charges arising on the sale thereof; taking the direction of the court of probate in Fairfield district therein.

Upon the memorial of the selectmen of Norwich in the county of New London, shewing to this Assembly that said town of Norwich have expended large sums of money for some years past for the support of two idiot daughters of Mr. Peter Edgerton late of said town of Norwich, deceas'd, one of which idiots is now deceas'd; that said Peter left a small estate in lands to his children, among whom the said idiots drew a share as heirs of said deceas'd; praying for liberty to sell the lands of said idiots and apply the avails thereof towards payment of the charges incurred as aforesaid, and stand accountable for their disposal of the same, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the selectmen of the town of Norwich, or the major part of them, have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to them, to sell the lands of the said two idiots, and give and execute a proper deed or deeds thereof, and apply the avails thereof towards payment of the expences incurred by said town of Norwich in support-

ing said idiots, and keep fair accounts thereof to be rendered when thereto required.

Upon the memorial of the town of New London by their agent William Hillhouse, shewing to this Assembly that said town at their annual town meeting, held the 22d day of December last, chose Mr. Joshua Hempsted constable and to collect the town and country rates, he procuring sufficient bond to the acceptance of the selectmen for his faithful performance of his collecting of said rates, but said Hempsted neglecting and refusing to comply with said condition, and the other constables also refusing to comply with said terms, and said town afterwards, *viz.* on the first day of May instant, appointed George Douglas to be constable and collector on like conditions, and that doubts may arise concerning the legality of said appointment &c.; praying said choice may be ratifyed and confirmed; and also that, in case said Douglas should fail said town, that in that case they may be enabled to choose a collector in the month of June next &c., as per memorial on file, dated the 11th of May 1776, appears: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists' appointment of said Douglass be ratified and confirmed, and the same is ratifyed and confirmed accordingly. And it is also resolved, that in case said Douglas should fail and not undertake said trust, that then in that case said town may have liberty and are hereby impowered, to meet and choose another collector in the stead of said Douglas.

Upon the memorial of Jasper Champin of Lyme, shewing that said memorialist sold and conveyed by deed to his brother Ezra Champin late of Lyme, deceas'd, about eighty acres of land in said Lyme, for the sum of two hundred and twenty pounds; that part of the purchase money was paid; that said Ezra having involved his estate &c., he on his death bed agreed with said memorialist to reconvey said land, but before a proper deed could be executed for that purpose the said Ezra died: said memorialist praying that some suitable person might be appointed and impowered to execute a deed

of reconveyance of said land upon his, the said memorialist, paying back the money and remaining securities given for the purpose of the same &c., according to the agreement aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mary Champin and the said Stephen Champin, the administrators on the estate of the said Ezra Champin, deceas'd, be and they are hereby appointed and impowered to make a deed of conveyance to said memorialist of the land contained in said deed from said memorialist to said Ezra, deceas'd, as therein bounded and described, upon his, the said memorialist, paying back the money and remaining securities given for the purchase of said land; and that such deed so made and executed shall be good and effectual to secure the title to said land to the said memorialist, his heirs &c., as though the same had been *bona fide* made by the said Ezra before his death.

This Assembly do appoint Asa Hall Lyon to be Surveyor of Lands in the county of Windham.

This Assembly do appoint Mr. Michael Bronson Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of New Haven.

This Assembly do appoint Eliphalet Bulkley of Colchester to be a Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint William Preston of Woodbury to be a Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Litchfield.

This Assembly do appoint John Hall 3d to be Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of New Haven.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Kellogg of East Windsor to be a Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of Hartford.

This Assembly do appoint John Hemsted junr to be Surveyor of Lands in and for the county of New London.

[595] Upon the memorial of Jonathan Wells of Glastonbury, Esqr, shewing to this Assembly that he preferred his memorial to the General Assembly in March 1775, therein alledging that by reason of great losses and misfortunes he is greatly embarrased in his person and estate, praying for

relief &c., on which said Assembly by a resolve did exempt the person and estate of the memorialist from arrests until the rising of the Assembly in May next; that he and his creditors might prefer their petition for a special act of insolvency; that by means of the present troubles in America no business of that nature hath since been transacted; and praying that said protection might be revived and continued until the rising of this Assembly in October next: Resolved by this Assembly, that the person and estate of the said Jonathan Wells, Esqr, shall and the same is hereby protected from arrests and attachments until the rising of the Assembly in October next; and his body shall not be imprisoned till then for any debt; and that he shall not in the mean time sell or dispose of any part of his estate either real or personal; and that he or his creditors properly present their petition to this Assembly in October next, if they see fit, that what is right and just may be done in the premises.

The Sums Total of the Additions (single and fourfold) to the Lists of the several Towns in this Colony sent in to this Assembly are as follows, viz:

Hartford,	£246	14	0	-	-	-	£0	0	0
Weathersfield,	248	15	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Colchester,	1199	3	6	-	-	-	1294	0	0
Farmington,	186	16	6	-	-	-	1518	1	0
Glastonbury,	328	8	11	-	-	-	145	16	0
Bolton,	340	13	0	-	-	-	76	12	0
Suffield,	54	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Haddam,	195	4	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
East Haddam,	156	15	0	-	-	-	72	0	0
Somers,	128	14	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Tolland,	951	1	0	-	-	-	90	0	0
Enfield,	622	1	0	-	-	-	51	4	0
Willington,	149	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
East Windsor,	599	7	9	-	-	-	0	0	0
Symsbury,	1635	8	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
Midletown,	1503	16	4	-	-	-	0	0	0
New Haven,	1124	5	0	-	-	-	72	0	0
Milford,	192	4	9	-	-	-	419	14	0
Guilford,	509	9	0¼		-	-	0	0	0
Wallingford,	1160	15	3	-	-	-	172	0	0
Waterbury,	1076	9	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
Branford,	158	9	0	-	-	-	0	0	0

am,	£0	0	0	-	-	-	£36	0	0
',	431	7	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
ich,	1042	4	6	-	-	-	696	2	0
·ook,	405	9	6	-	-	-	28	0	0
ngton,	126	4	9	-	-	-	936	4	0
›n,	457	0	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
',	567	10	6	-	-	-	1854	4	0
ıgworth,	113	6	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
on,	366	5	0	-	-	-	26	0	0
eld,	829	9	5	-	-	-	34	0	0
ford,	1368	0	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
ield,	835	0	7	-	-	-	668	12	0
Fairfield,	132	11	0	-	-	-	401	14	0
ury,	342	0	0	-	-	-	170	0	0
ıwich,	1174	2	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
own,	897	1	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
alk,	1›6	0	0	-	-	-	412	0	0
ford,	1100	2	0	-	-	-	73	18	0
.ham,	2918	15	9	-	-	-	0	0	0
ıon,	403	0	0	-	-	-	330	4	0
field,	429	17	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
›rbury,	1292	17	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
'ret,	686	19	6	-	-	-	321	0	0
›rd,	214	16	3	-	-	-	0	0	0
ıtown,	232	5	0	-	-	-	102	8	0
ıtry,	260	19	6	-	-	-	435	7	0
ıgley,	1380	15	0	-	-	-	953	8	0
field,	394	16	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
lstock,	128	10	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
n,whole list,	5203	8	6	-	-	-	27	4	0
field,	227	10	0	-	-	-	356	8	0
›n,	107	0	0	-	-	-	566	16	0
wall,	218	0	0	-	-	-	386	0	0
,	96	2	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
ngton,	3878	9	6	-	-	-	0	0	0
bury,	572	3	0	-	-	-	1409	13	0
en,	571	4	0	-	-	-	0	0	0
lbury,	846	16	2	-	-	-	61	4	0
Milford,	847	7	9	-	-	-	0	0	0
Hartford,	177	14	6	-	-	-	248	6	0
moreland,	4627	17	0	-	-	-	0	0	0

›on the memorial of Lawrence Sullivan of Weathersfield, ing to this Assembly that on the 17th of June last he ınfortunately made a prisoner of war and detained until

the 24th of February last; that he has received his wages to the 10th of December last; praying for an allowance for the time he was prisoner aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive wages from said 10th of December unto the fourth of March last, the time of his return, according to the usual rate; and the Committee of the Pay-Table are hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer of this Colony for the same.

[596] Upon the memorial of Elizabeth Stanley, administratrix on the estate of Allyn Stanley, deceas'd, who was executor of the last will of Augustus Stanley, deceas'd, shewing that there is still due from the estate of the said Augustus in debts for which she is liable the sum of £49 11 9; praying for relief &c., as per memorial, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and she is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd Augustus as shall be sufficient to raise said sum of £49 11 9 with the incident charges of sale; taking the advice and direction of the court of probate for the district of Hartford therein.

Upon the memorial of Jehiel Markham, of Enfield in the county of Hartford, shewing that he constantly attends the public worship of God in the second ecclesiastical society in said Enfield and hath joined himself to the church and contributed to the support of the gospel therein; praying to be freed from all taxes in the first society for supporting the gospel or building of meeting-houses &c., as per memorial, &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist and his estate be and he is hereby freed and excused from paying any rates or taxes to said first society for the supporting of the gospel or building of meeting-houses therein so long as he attends with and pays to said second society for the purposes aforesaid.

Upon the memorial of Mary Savage, wife of Abijah Savage of Midletown, shewing that her said husband was

taken prisoner at Quebeck the 31st December last, being a lieutenant in the service of this Colony, and hath ever since been detained a prisoner there; praying for his wages from the first day of December last to the first day of June next, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table make up an account of the wages due to said Abijah Savage as a lieutenant aforesaid from the first day of December last to the first day of June next, and draw an order on the Treasurer to pay the amount thereof to the said Mary Savage accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Mariamne Steel, executrix of the last will and testament of Theophilus Steel late of Hartford, deceas'd, shewing that said Theophilus was collector of a town rate which he left in part uncollected at his decease, and that she is unable to finish the collection thereof; praying that Seth Collins of said Hartford may be appointed and impowered to collect that part of said rate which remained uncollected at the decease of said Theophilus &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Seth Collins be and he is hereby appointed and impowered to collect that part of said rate which now remains uncollected, and that any or either of the justices of the peace in and for Hartford county do, upon application to him or them made, issue a warrant to said Collins in the usual form of warrants to collectors of rate, commanding and enabling him to distrain for said rates in case of delay or refusal of payment; and that said Collins shall account with said executrix for said rates when collected.

Upon the memorial of Philip Mortimer and the rest of the members of the Episcopal church in Midletown, and Mary Alsop of said Midletown, administratrix of the estate of Richard Alsop, Esqr, deceas'd,* and guardian of his children who are minors, shewing that a deed of a house and acre of land in said Midletown, which was purchased by said church for a glebe, was made to said Philip and Richard in trust, to

* Richard Alsop died April 16, 1776.

secure them for the purchase money by them advanced &c., and that there is £75 due to said Mary as administratrix aforesaid on that account, and no more; praying that she may be authorized and enabled to convey said house and land to the members of said church upon their paying said sum due &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Mary Alsop be and she is hereby authorized and impowered, upon receipt of said sum of seventy-five pounds, to transfer and convey all the right, title and interest in and to said house and land vested in said Richard by virtue of said deed to the parson and parishioners of said church, agreeable to the trust and confidence reposed in said Richard and in execution of the same.

Upon the memorial of the town of Preston in the county of New London, by their agent Jeremiah Halsey of said Preston, shewing to this Assembly that the burthen of repairing highways according to the directions of the law now in force falls very unequal upon the inhabitants of said town; praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town to raise money to repair the highways in said town during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Preston have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town, and be by such surveyor laid out and improved for repairing the highways in each district in said town; and said town is hereby impowered by their selectmen or a committee chosen by said town annually or from time to time as [597] || occasion may require, to divide the highways in said town into districts and assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the

several districts the money so raised by said town, according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyors, to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts, in the same manner and form as other town taxes are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors. And all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and be by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively, in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year, and shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Preston during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Abigail Harriss, shewing to this Assembly that an appeal is taken and allowed from the judgment of the judge of probate for the district of Hartford in allowing the account of debts due from the estate of Thomas Harriss, deceas'd, exhibited to said court by Hosea Harriss of Weathersfield, executor of the last will of Thomas Harriss the elder, deceas'd; praying the liberty granted to said Hosea to sell the lands of said deceas'd for payment of said debts may be revoked &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the liberty granted to said Hosea Harriss by an act of this Assembly to sell the real estate of said Thomas Harriss, deceas'd, for payment of his debts found and allowed by the said judge of probate, be and the same is hereby revoked and made null and void.

Upon the memorial of Adam Babcock, Isaac Doolittle and Jeremiah Atwater, of New Haven, representing that it is needful in their opinion to have another powder-mill built in this Colony for manufacturing gun-powder for public use, and that New Haven is the most proper place, and praying for liberty to erect the same in said town, where they have a convenient place &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have liberty, and licence is hereby granted them, to erect such powder-mill in said New Haven for the purpose aforesaid, under the regulations which other powder-mills in this Colony by law are.

Upon the memorial of Elnathan Hooker and Daniel Rowe, both of Farmington in Hartford county and in the 15th regiment in said Colony, representing to this Assembly that your memorialists, *viz.* said Hooker, lives within the limits of and belonging to the first company or trainband in said regiment, but at a great distance from the usual place of parade, and very inconvenient to attend with said company, but living nigh the place of parade in the 13th company in said regiment, and can conveniently attend with the same; and that the said Daniel Rowe belongs to and lives within the limits of said 13th company in said regiment at a great distance from the usual place of parade in said 13th company, which makes it very difficult for him to attend with said 13th company, and living near the usual place of parade in said first company in said regiment can very conveniently attend with the same; praying that the exchange may be made, and that the said Hooker and farm and family may be annexed to the said 13th company, and said Rowe and his farm and family may be annexed to said first company in said 15th regiment: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Hooker and the limits of his farm shall be annexed unto and included within the limits of said 13th company, and the said Rowe and his farm be annexed to and included within the limits of said first company within said 15th regiment.

Upon the memorial of Thomas Treat, Benjamin Hale and others, inhabitants of the first society in Glastonbury, shew-

ing to this Assembly that before and until the year 1773, there was but one military company in said first society; that in the year 1773, the military officers of said company made a division of said company, which is apprehended by the memorialists to be unequal and causes great uneasiness among the inhabitants of said society; praying for some relief in the matter aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said division be and the same is hereby set aside; and James Wadsworth jun^{r}, Selah Hart and Dyer Throop, Esq^{rs}, are appointed a committee to repair to said society and view the situation and circumstances of the military company or companies in said society, and convene the disputing parties before them and hear the matters of their uneasiness aforesaid, and consider all circumstances relative to a division of the military company in said society; and in case said committee should judge it necessary and best for the whole, they are hereby impowered to draw a line of division whereby said company or militia in said society will be laid into two distinct military companies in the most reasonable and convenient situations, and make return of their doings thereon to this Assembly at their next sessions; all at the cost and charge of the memorialists.

[598] Upon the memorial of Richard Bishop, of Brimfield in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing that he purchased two hogsheads of rum the 14th of March last of John Warner jun^{r} of Weathersfield, to supply his tavern &c.; praying for licence to export the same out of this Colony to Brimfield aforesaid, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Bishop have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to export said two hogsheads of rum out of this Colony to said Brimfield, the embargo laid by this Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of William Alford of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that in August last he took up the notorious Richard Steel, who escaped from Newgate prison, on an advertisment in which ten dollars reward was engaged,

and that he escaped &c.; praying for said premium and such further allowance for his charges as shall be reasonable &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist receive out of the treasury of this Colony four pounds, money; and the Treasurer is directed to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of the inhabitants of the town of Union, shewing to this Assembly that, on account of the peculiar circumstances which have attended them, they have always been freed from paying any Colony tax, but are now cited by act of Assembly to send in a list of the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to the General Assembly for the purpose of being taxed as other towns are; further representing that they are still unable to pay any Colony tax, for reasons in said memorial set forth, as per memorial on file:* Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists be and they are hereby freed and exempted from paying any Colony tax and from any warrants being granted against them for that purpose, until further order from the General Assembly.

Upon the memorial of Peter Scofield, administrator on the estate of Joseph Scofield late of Stamford, deceas'd, shewing that the debts due from said estate surmount the personal inventoried estate of said deceas'd in the sum of £19 6 5½, and praying liberty to sell so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as to enable him to pay said debt and incident charges: Resolved by this Assembly, that said Peter Scofield be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to sell so much

* They represent the poverty of the town; they are now indebted to their minister for more than two years salary; about one thirteenth part of the land belongs to persons living out of the Colony and who are tories, and they suppose steps are taking to declare the lands forfeited to the Colony; 27 of the inhabitants went into the continental service in 1775, and 20 have gone into the same service this year; they have never been represented in the General Assembly, as on deliberation it is against their consciences to take the freeman's oath as it now stands [the clause promising fidelity to the King was still in it.] and there are but four or five freemen in the town capable of acting. *Towns & Lands*, ix, 255.

of the real estate of said deceas'd as will raise said sum of £19 6 5 for payment of said debts, and also the sum to amount of necessary incident charges of such sale; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of Stamford therein.

Upon the memorial of the town of Enfield in the county of Hartford, praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town to raise money to repair the highways in said town during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said town of Enfield have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estates of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for the repairing highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered by the selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time as occasion shall require, to divide the highways in said town into districts, and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highway to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town, according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants of such surveyors to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts in the same manner and form as other town taxes are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereunto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors. And all surplus of such money as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any

of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Enfield during the pleasure of this Assembly.

[599] Upon the memorial of Thomas Gould, Amos Rose, Thomas Gilbert, Thomas Jerrom and Joseph Stocking, shewing to this Assembly that they all inlisted as soldiers in the sixth company in the second regiment under the command of Capt. Noadiah Hooker in the public service in May 1775, and served in the army at Roxbury until the first day of December last, when they supposing the time to be expired for which they inlisted and returned home without liberty from their said officer, by reason whereof they are denied their wages; praying for relief &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialists have their wages paid them agreeable to their rank to the first day of September last, and that the Committee of Pay-Table pass due orders on the Treasurer for the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Josiah Belding, shewing that the memorialist gave a bond to John Hill of Guilford that his son and daughter by his late wife Thankful, who was daughter of Nathaniel Nott of said Guilford, deceas'd, should when they came of full age give a deed of one half of six acres of land lying in said Guilford, which descended to them from their said mother, the said Thankful; that his said daughter had given a deed of her half of said half of said six acres of land, but that his said son is insane and uncapable, and probably always will be, to give said deed of his part; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist be and he is hereby fully impowered and authorized to

give a deed of said son's part of said land to the said John Hill, which shall be effectual in the law for conveying the title of said land to him.

Upon the memorial of David Mitchell, of South Hadley in the county of Hamshire and Province of the Massachusets Bay, praying for liberty to transport out of this Colony to said South Hadley three hogsheads of rum, one barrel sugar and ten bushels of salt, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that liberty be granted, and liberty is hereby granted to said Mitchell, to transport three hogsheads rum, one barrel sugar and ten bushels of salt out of this Colony to said South Hadley, anything in the late embargo notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of John Wilder and Abel Brace and others, inhabitants of the west part of Hartland, shewing to this Assembly that Theodore Woodbridge having been appointed collector of a tax laid upon all the lands lying west of the river in said Hartland, to be improved for the purpose of building a meeting-house in that part of said town, by special resolve of the General Assembly, sometime after said appointment and before he had collected said tax he, the said Theodore Woodbridge, inlisted himself into the military service in the Colony raised for the defence of the American Colonies, and still remains in said service, and therefore is not able to collect said tax; praying this Assembly to appoint Eliezer Ensign of said Hartland, or some other meet person, a collector to collect said tax or rate in the stead of the said Theodore Woodbridge &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Eliezer Ensign be appointed and he is hereby appointed a collector in the room and stead of the said Theodore Woodbridge and fully authorized and directed to collect said tax or rate, and so collected to pay the money into the hands of the committee appointed to build said house.

On the memorial of Mary Bull, administratrix on the estate of Amos Bull late of Weathersfield, deceas'd, for liberty

to sell some of the real estate of the said deceas'd to the amount of £89 10 0, L. money, to enable said memorialist to pay the debts and charges due from said estate, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to her, said memorialist, together with Mr. Joseph Church of Hartford, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as will raise the sum of £89 10 0, L. money, to be applied in payment of said debts and charges together with necessary charges arising on the sale thereof; taking the advice of the court of probate for the district of Hartford in the sale thereof.

Upon the memorial of the town of Mansfield in the county of Windham, by their agents Experience Storrs and Amariah Williams, representatives of said town, praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Mansfield have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town, and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for the repairing highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered by their selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time as occasion shall require, to divide the highways in said town into districts and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town, according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to

issue forth warrants to such surveyor to levy and collect such [600] taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their || respective districts in the same manner and form as other town taxes are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereunto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors. And all surplus of such monies as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways are sufficiently repaired shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively, in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Mansfield during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the petition of William Carter, of New Haven in the county of New Haven, shewing to this Assembly that he is insolvent and unable to pay his just debts; praying that he may be exempted from arrest and imprisonment of his person upon delivering up his estate to the use and benefit of his creditors: Resolved by this Assembly, that Samuel Bishop jun^{r}, David Austin and Pierpoint Edwards, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed trustees, with full power to receive a conveyance of all the estate, real and personal, and credits of said Carter, for the use and benefit of his creditors, and the same convert into money, or to make an equal division of said estate among his said creditors in proportion to their respective demands in case the major part in value of them shall so agree. And the said trustees are hereby impowered to call before them the said Carter and all and every person or persons having any of his estate in their hands, and examine him and them respecting the concealment of any of his estate. Which said trustees are also hereby impowered to bring actions and suits in law or equity in their own names

against any person or persons for the recovery of any debts due or estate belonging to said Carter, and pursue the same to final judgment, and defend in any suit that may be brought for the recovery of any debt due or claimed to be due from him the said Carter. And in case the said Carter shall resign up to said trustees all his estate and make a legal conveyance of the same for the use and benefit of his creditors, together with his notes, books, vouchers and securities relating to the same, on oath, excepting such necessary apparel, bedding, arms, and implements of household furniture, considering the circumstances of his estate and family as by Jonathan Fitch, Esqr, of said New Haven shall be judged reasonable, in that case the petitioner shall be thereupon liberated and freed from his present confinement, and for the future his person shall be exempted, freed and protected from any arrest or imprisonment, either on mesne process or execution, for or on account of any debt due from said Carter at the date of said petition. And said trustees are hereby impowered to proceed in the execution of said trust in the same manner and are vested with the same powers as trustees of the estate of insolvent debtors were directed to proceed and were vested with by a late law of this Colony, entituled An act for preventing fraud in debtors and for securing the effects of insolvent debtors for the use of their creditors and for the equitable division of the estates and effects of such debtors to and among their creditors. And the said Carter shall give all intelligence in his knowledge relating to the situation of his affairs and his respective credits, and promote and forward the recovery of the same in his own name or the name of said trustees, not only by giving proper information but also by attending court and testifying in such cases where his testimony is admissible, receiving therefor what is customary for witnesses to be paid by said trustees; and no discharges of any debts which shall hereafter be made by him shall be of any validity in law or pleadable in any court against said trustees. And if said Carter shall refuse to give such intelligence and testimony, he shall be liable to be imprisoned, anything in this act notwithstanding.

And whereas the said Carter hath delivered over sundry credits, conveyances, estates and choses in actions to Mark Leavenworth, Esqr, of said New Haven, who has become liable to satisfy many of said Carter's debts, and given bond of prosecution and may be liable still further to pay monies on said matters in his hands: To the intent that the creditors may receive all the avails or proceeds of said matters in his hands, it is further enacted, that said trustees upon his delivering up to them all matters relating to said Carter's estate shall pay and indemnify him from all bonds, securities and obligations in the matters aforesaid, and shall pay and satisfy his demands as soon as the same shall be ascertained mutually by him and said trustees or by referrees by them mutually agreed upon, and upon their receiving said effects out of his hands. Provided nevertheless, that all suits already commenced may be still prosecuted by said trustees in the name of said Carter for the use of said creditors respectively, and the same or any judgment or execution rendered on them shall not be liable to be discharged nor withdrawn by him without the consent of said trustees, they satisfying all costs that may arise or be recovered. Also provided, said Carter shall have the benefit of any action already commenced or to be commenced for any personal tort or injury by him suffered and also his future estate shall be liable to satisfy his said debts. Provided also, that nothing in this act shall be of any force or validity unless the major part in value of said Carter's creditors shall consent to have the same operate and have effect and express such their consent in writing to said trustees, and that they have for that purpose the space of six weeks to consider, determine and express their consent as aforesaid.

[601] The report of the Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, and the rest of the committee appointed to enquire into the allegations of a certain complaint exhibited to the present Assembly by Mr. Jeremiah Halsey against Capt. Edward Mott, as on file, is accepted by this Assembly: And thereupon re-

solved, that there doth not appear sufficient grounds or foundation for this Assembly to make any further enquiry thereon.*

This Assembly do grant to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly grants to his Honor Governor Trumbull the sum of one hundred pounds, money, for his extraordinary services in the year past, and order and direct the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

This Assembly do grant to his Honor Deputy Governor Griswold the sum of fifty pounds, money, for the first half of his salary the current year.

This Assembly do grant to John Lawrence, Esqr, Treasurer, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds as and for his salary the year past.

This Assembly do grant to George Wyllys, Esqr, Secretary, the sum of twenty pounds as and for his salary in the year past, and direct the Treasurer to pay the same to him accordingly.

Whereas this Assembly in their present sessions have made many preparations for defence against the increasing hostilities and efforts of our unnatural enemies, yet considering the alarming situation of the United Colonies, being threatned with the whole force of Great Britain united with all such foreign mercenaries as they are able to engage to assist the execution of their causeless vengeance on these devoted Colonies, and to burn and destroy our seaport towns, and to spread rapine, murder and destruction through the whole: in this situation our utmost efforts cannot be too much, and it is the duty of every individual to contribute all in his power to serve and defend our most important cause.

Therefore this Assembly do most earnestly recommend it to all persons of every rank and denomination, to furnish themselves with all possible expedition with good sufficient

* *Rev. War*, iv, 171.

fire-arms, and other warlike accoutrements, and with bullets sufficient and fit for their guns; and especially that all able-bodied men who are not of the standing militia, and such as have been dismissed from common military exercise, form themselves into companies, choose their officers, according to the number of such who can convene together, and equip themselves so as to be in readiness for mutual defence against our common enemy. That all the field-officers put themselves in readiness to conduct and lead forth their respective corps on the most sudden call, and in the meantime use their utmost endeavours and care with the assistance of the commission officers in their respective regiments, to encourage military skill and every warlike preparation, and to see that all defective arms be immediately repaired. That the committee appointed to procure fire-arms to be made in this Colony use their utmost diligence to promote the same and purchase in all good arms for sale, except such as any person hath for his own proper use.

The events of this year may prove most decisive to these Colonies and that all human care, efforts and exertions are but fruitless attempts for our security and defence, and will prove vain and abortive unless attended with the blessing of Heaven, which we have no reason to expect but on a sincere repentance and reformation:

Wherefore, in this day of darkness and threatning calamity, it is most earnestly recommended to and pressed upon all persons of every rank and denomination in this Colony, to promote and cultivate charity and benevolence one towards another, to abstain from every species of extortion and oppression, sincerely to repent and break off from every sin, folly and vice, to live together in peace, love and harmony among themselves, to look up with earnest importunity to Heaven for help, success, salvation and deliverance, and with careful attention to the use of means hope and trust in the Lord of Hosts, who presides over universal nature, guides and governs all, and we not fear or be dismayed at all the attempts or numerous hosts with which we are threatned.

It is ordered that the foregoing be printed and dispersed,

and be read and published in all the religious societies in this Colony.

This Assembly is adjourned by proclamation &c. until his Honor the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

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[31] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C., HARTFORD, 11 MAY, 1776.

Present: The Governor.
The D. Governor.
Col. Dyer,
Col. Williams,
Col. Elderkin,
Esq. B. Huntington.

On application of Col. Hamlin &c.

Whereas a quantity of wood growing on a certain fifty acres of land in Salisbury late belonging to the Hon Col. Newton, deceased, was by this Board ordered to be purchased for making coal for the use of the furnace in said town, to be improved for casting cannon for this Colony, and said wood having been apprized by Jas. Landon and Hez. Fitch, Esq^{rs}, according to agreement, at £82 10,

Therefore voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for the sum of £82 10 in favor of the Hon. Jz. Hamlin and the Revd Chauncey Whittlesey, whose ladies are heirs of said Col. Newton, for and in payment of the sum at which said wood is apprized as aforesaid.* *And an order is given, delivered Col. Hamlin.*

* A copy of the measurement of the lot and apprizal of the wood is pinned on the leaf.

AT A MEETING &c. HARTFORD, 13 MAY, 1776.

Present: The Governor.
Deputy Governor.
Col. Dyer,
Col. Williams,
Col. Elderkin,
Esq. B. Huntington.

Mr. Adam Babcock, of N. Haven, presented a memorial praying to have 200 lb. of powder more for supplying his privateer vessel &c., in addition to the 200 heretofore granted &c.

[32] *Voted*, That he be authorized and impowered ‖ to draw and receive 200 pounds of powder out of the Colony store at N. Haven, for the purpose aforesaid, to be by him immediately replaced by the same quantity, which he is hereby allowed to purchase and receive from Messrs. Elderkin & Wales's powder-mill at Windham.

AT A MEETING &c. HARTFORD, TUESDAY 14 MAY, 1776.

Present: The Governor.
The D. Governor.
Col. Dyer,
Col. Huntington,
Col. Williams,
Col. Elderkin,
Esq. B. Huntington.

On application &c.,

Voted, That an order be given on the Pay-Table for £300, in favor of Mr. Nath[ll] Shaw, as commissary and provider of materials, teams, timber &c. &c. for the use of some of [the] troops stationed at N. London, and for carrying on the forts and works there, according to his appointment &c. by this Board; to be accounted for on settlement of his accounts for those services. *Order given, delivered Mr. William Ledyard.*

Gave order on Pay-Table for Wm. Griswold for £125 12, as follows, *viz:*

Please to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of £125 12 0, in favor of Capt. Wm. Griswold, for and in payment of the hire of the brig Minerva, employed the last season as an armed vessel in the service and for the defence of the seacoasts of this Colony, under the command of Capt. Giles Hall, being the sum and amount

of said hire according to charter party, as the account has been settled and allowed by the Governor and Council of Safety, March, A.D. 1776.

To the gentlemen Committee of Pay-Table, Hartford.

N. B. I was to have carried it to him in March, going to Philadelphia, therefore dated it in March.

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[33] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, Hartford, 16 May, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
D. Governor.
Col. Dyer,
Col. Huntington,
Col. Williams,
Mr. Wales,
Mr. B. Huntington.

On request by letter from Cap. Hayden, master-builder of the Colony ship at Saybrook,

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor of Cap. Uriah Hayden, builder of the Colony ship at Saybrook, for the sum of five hundred pounds, on account of service in building and finding &c. for said ship, and to render his account therefor. £500. *Order given accordingly, delivered the Governor to give to Hayden's son.*

At a meeting &c. as above, Wednesday 22d May, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
D. Governor.
Col. Dyar,
Col. Huntington,
W. Williams,
N. Wales,
Jed. Elderkin,
B. Huntington.

Mr. Jas. Rice, one of the committee for fitting the Colony brig Defence and for building the row galley at N. H., presented his accounts to be settled &c., as voted by the Lower House &c., and being so large and numerous, this Board cannot at this time go thro' with the examination, and consider and order that an order [34] be drawn on the Pay-Table for £700 in his favor, and refer the

full settlement of his account to another opportunity: he to attend it at Lebanon. And order is drawn accordingly, *viz:*

To the Committee of the Pay Table:

Gent: Please to draw on the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Jas. Rice of N. Haven for the sum of £700, to be considered and allowed on settlement of his account exhibited for fitting the Colony brig Defence, and building &c. a row-galley at New Haven: not having time fully to settle and adjust said account; and charge accordingly.

By order of the Governor and Council of Safety, Hartford, 22d May, 1776. Signed W. W. Clerk.

And delivered him, present.

Said Rice also presented an order on the Governor &c. drawn by Cap. Harding of said brig Defence in favor of said Rice, for £11 19 2½,

And it is considered and voted. That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for the same, to be accounted for by said Harding on his account and wages in the Colony service, as captain of said brig &c. And order is drawn accordingly in favor of said Harding or order, for said sum of £11 19 2½, and delivered said Rice, and took standing order indorsed by said Rice.

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[35] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety at Hartford, Monday, May 27th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Dep. Gov. Griswold,
Col. Dyer,
Col. Huntington,
Col. Williams,
Col. Elderkin,
B. Huntington, Esqr.

Col. Isaac Sears, who had been employed by this Board to purchase many articles of iron, cordage, rigging, for the use of the Colony brig Defence, a row-gallery at N. Haven, and a ship building at Saybrook &c., had delivered his account for settlement. The same is examined and allowed, amounting to the sum of £776 3 6, L. money, and voted that an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for that sum.

But note: It appeared that he had sent to the Governor a further account containing the foregoing and other articles purchased

since, so that this is to be considered as part, and his Honor having left the other at home, it is to be settled another time. *N. The rest allowed, p. 47.*

And another small account of said Sears for cost of sending expresses with the Governor's orders to officers &c., in raising two regiments to go to N. York with Gen[l] Lee, in January last, to the sum of £2 4 6, as per account, is allowed and ordered to be drawn for as above.

[36] An order of Cap. Sam[ll] Olcott, *viz:*

HARTFORD, 27 March, 1776.

Jed. Elderkin, Esq.

Bought of Sam[ll] Olcott, for Governor and Company, for use of the furnace at Salisbury.

2 hhds. Jamaica Spirit, 240 gal. @ 6*s*. £72 0 0

The same is allowed and ordered to be drawn for. *Order given.* And dismissed. *N. B. This is thought very high, &c.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD, MAY 28, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor Griswold.
Col. E. Dyer,
Col. Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Jed. Elderkin,
B. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for Eb[r] Ledyard, Esq[r], as he is commissary and provider &c. for the company stationed at Groton fort, for the sum of three hundred pounds, to be accounted for on settlement of his accounts as commissary &c. *Order given, delivered Cap. W. Ledyard at Hartford.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on do., favor of Messrs. Elderkin and Wales, for the sum of twenty-five pounds, on account and pay for powder by them manufactured for the Colony, to be settled and allowed on their account for making that article. *Order given, delivered said Elderkin at Hartford.*

Allowed an account of Hez. Lane of Killingworth, for sending expresses to Col. Mat. Talcot and Col. Jona. Fitch, to carry Governor &c. orders about raising two regiments for N. York, by re-

quest of Gen[l] Washington, in March last, being twenty-six shillings, and that order be drawn accordingly. *Order given, delivered him at Hartford.*

[37] *Voted*, That orders be drawn in discharge of the following orders drawn by Cap. Seth Harding of the brig Defence, presented and delivered in by the following drawees, *viz:*

One drawn by said Harding on Cap. Sam[ll] Squier in favor of Lt. Smedley of said brig, for so much as necessary to pay the marines their first months pay, dated N. Haven, March 22, 1776, being as per indorsement received by said Smedley of said Squire,

	£	s.	d.
	£61	0	0
One do. of do. on said Squier, favor Thad. Burr, Esq[r], for beef &c. for the brig,	2	8	5¼
One do. of do. on do. favor of Edmund Barlow, for a drum for said brig, 7½ Dols. 6 May, '76	2	5	0
One do. of do. on do. favor Hez. Sturgis, for plank and work for said brig, 28 April	2	10	3
One do. of do. on do. favor of Eb[r] Hubbel, for 4 days work at 6*s*.	1	4	0
Total,	£69	7	8¼

Order given 29th, delivered Cap. Squier.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD, MAY 30, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Gov. Griswold,
Elip. Dyer, Esq[r],
Jz. Huntington, Esq.
Wm. Williams, Esq.
Jed. Elderkin, Esq.
B. Huntington.
Rich[d] Law, Esq.
Titus Hosmer, Esq.
Wm. Hillhouse, Esq.

N. B. The three last gentlemen are added by this Assembly.

[38] *Voted and resolved*, That all captains of companies and ships or armed vessels, who shall be appointed pay-masters of their companies and hands or crews, shall first find and lodge sufficient bonds

with surety for the faithful and due performance of that duty and trust, as is required by resolve of the General Assembly.

On application of Colo. Saltonstall, who is captain of one of the companies stationed at New London, and an estimate shewn &c.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in his favor, for the sum of four hundred pounds, towards paying his said company, and to be accounted for on settlement of his pay-roll. *Order drawn for Col. Saltonstall.*

Gave sundry directions about the cannon casting at the furnace at Salisbury; that is, the size of the swivels, *viz.* to be 1½ inch bore, or one pound shot, and of the sizes to be first cast, &c., to be contained in a letter which his Honor is writing to the overseer.

Dismissed.

N. B. Col. Saltonstall had received from the Pay-Table, without order from this Board, 18th April, he says £500.

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[39] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT HARTFORD, MAY 31, 1776, FRIDAY EVENING.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor Griswold.
E. Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Rich[d] Law,
Jed. Elderkin,
B. Huntington,
T. Hosmer,
W. Hilhouse,
} Esq[rs].

Moved by his Honor, that proper measures be taken to man and fit our three row-galleys, now nearly ready, for immediate service; and the matter was largely discoursed &c., and

Voted, That Messrs. Jno. McCleave, Theo. Stanton and Jehiel Tinker, who are appointed captains of them, be notified and desired to attend this Board at Hartford on Wednesday next, to receive further orders respecting manning, officering and fitting out said vessels, and also such moneys as may be necessary to enable them to pursue the proper business of their departments, having first

executed bonds to be sent them, with sureties, for the faithful and due performance of their duty as pay-masters &c.

And Mr. Huntington desired to prepare letters accordingly.

An account of Oliver Wells of W. Hartford, presented, for service 17 days with a waggon to transport the baggage of Cap. Biggelow's company of matrosses in Colo. Burrel's regiment &c., 7 days at 7*s.* and 10 at 5*s.* and expences £4 15 6. Total £9 14 6, and the same is allowed; and voted, that an order be drawn for the same, and is drawn on the back of the account. *Delivered Mr. Halsey.*

Dismissed.

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[40] JUNE 1. AT THE COUNCIL BOARD.

The letters and bonds to the captains of the row-gallies being to be forwarded &c., and names not being given to two of them, is concluded to call Cap. Stanton's, built at Norwich, the Shark; and Cap. Tinker's, at E. Haddam, the Crane.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AT HARTFORD, 6 JUNE, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor Griswold.
E. Dyer, Esqr.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr.
Wm. Williams, Esqr.
Richd Law, Esqr.
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
B. Huntington, and
Wm. Hilhouse, Esq^{rs}.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for account of Cap. Jno. Ely, of a company at N. London, in favor of Wm. Morgan, Esqr, for the sum of £154, in discharge of an order by said Ely for said Morgan dated 14 Mar. '76, for so much borrowed and received for the use of his, said Ely's, company, and to be accounted for by him on settlement of his account and pay-roll.

[41] And also voted an order in like manner on said Ely's account, in favor of Saml Shether, for the sum of £30, for so much

borrowed of him by said Ely for the use aforesaid, and to be accounted for as aforesaid, in discharge of said Ely's order for said Shether, dated 18 Mar. 1776. *Said two orders given, delivered Mr. Lane.*

Capts. McCleave and Tinker, of the row-galleys Whiting and Crane, were present &c. to consult about manning them &c.

Voted, That the said three gallies be furnished and manned with fifty men each, including officers.

Voted, That there be one captain, two lieutenants, one master, one gunner and mate, one steward, two serjeants of marines, two corporals of do., one boatswain, one drummer, one fifer, one cook, one carpenter's mate, one surgeon, or mate £4.

And after 9 o'clock dismissed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. FRIDAY, 7 JUNE, 1776, AT HARTFORD, IN THE MORNING.

Present: His Honor the Governor and the rest as at the last meeting.

Considered the wages and allowances of the officers and men for the row-gallies &c.

And voted, That the pay of a captain of said galleys shall be £7 per kalendar month, and that they be allowed a premium of 1½ *per cent.* for paying their crews.

Cap.	£7	0	0
The pay of the lieutenants to be £5 per month, both	10	0	0
And the second lieutenant to be lieutenant of marines.			
The master to be £5 per month,	5		
The gunner,	4	10	
Gunner's mate,	3	4	
[42] The boatswain's wages,	3	0	0
The clerk,	3	12	0
Steward,	3	0	0
Cook,	2	14	0
Carpenter's mate, with necessary tools,	3	4	
2 Serjeants, at £2 8	4	16	
2 Corporals, at £2 4	4	8	
1 Surgeon,	4	0	0
Able seamen, at 48*s*.	2	8	0
Marines, at 40*s*.	2	0	0
Total,	£128	16	

Voted, That the officers and marines shall receive one months advance wages on their inlistment.

And voted, That the sum of £129 12 be advanced and drawn for to the captains of said galleys, to enable them to pay said advance wages.

Said three orders drawn and delivered to them respectively, at Hartford.

Voted and established the form of an inlistment.

Voted, That the Governor be desired to give proper commissions to the officers, in form of the land service nearly, *mutatis mutandis.*

Voted, That Cap. Stanton proceed without delay on board his galley and carry such stores as Cap. Bill shall ship and deliver to said captain at Saybrook for the use of the ship building at Hayden's yard &c., and return as soon as may be, to inlist men and fit his galley &c.

Voted, That an order be drawn for Mr. Nat. Shaw for £200, to [be] accounted for by him in his account with the Colony. *Order given, delivered Mr. W. Ledyard at H.*

And adjourned till rising of the House at noon.

And at noon met again.

N. B. Mr. Shaw's order above Mr. L. says is on Cap. Harding's account.

[43] And voted an order of two hundred pounds be drawn in favor of Cap. Ep^m Bill, to be accounted for by him, as he was overseer of building the Colony ship at Saybrook. *Order given, delivered Col. Huntington.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on Treasurer in favor of Cap. Jno. Deshon, as commissary of the companies stationed at New London, for the sum of five hundred pounds, to be accounted for by him on settlement of his account. *Order given, delivered him at Hartford.*

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[603] AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE ENGLISH COLONY OF CONNECTICUT IN NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD IN SAID COLONY BY SPECIAL ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, A. DOM. 1776.*

Present:

The Honble Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, *Governor.*
The Honble Mathew Griswold, Esqr, *Deputy Governor.*

Jabez Hamlin, Esqr,
Elisha Sheldon, Esqr
Eliphalet Dyer, Esqr.
Jabez Huntington, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Abraham Davenport, Esqr,
Richard Law, Esqr,
William Williams, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Representatives or Deputies of the Freemen of the several Towns are as follow, viz:

[The Roll is in *Rev. War*, iv, 261. The Editor does not insert it because he is unable from it to satisfy himself as to who were present and who absent. Perhaps the Secretary did not enter it for a similar reason.]

[605] An Act repealing an Act of this Colony entituled An Act to prevent Injustice by the Bills of Credit of the neighboring Colonies passing in this Colony.†

Whereas the continuation of said act is attended with consequences prejudicial to the commerce of these colonies:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That said act be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

* The session adjourned on Friday, June 21st. *Rev. War*, iv, 262.
† Passed October 1771.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this Colony entituled An Act for restraining and punishing Persons who are inimical to the Liberties of this and the Rest of the United Colonies and for directing Proceedings therein.

Whereas the provision made in said act relative to the estates of such persons as are inimical to the liberties of this and the United Colonies, and absent themselves out of this Colony, is limited to real estates only, which is found insufficient to answer all the necessary purposes that ought to be provided for by the law:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That whensoever any person or persons shall be possessed of any goods, chattels or effects belonging to any person or persons who have or shall join the ministerial army or navy acting against America, and continue to hold and screen themselves under them, or have aided or assisted or continue to aid or assist in carrying into execution the present ministerial measures, it shall be the duty of the selectmen of every such town, or the major part of them, where such person or persons dwell who shall be possessed of such goods, chattels or effects, to exhibit a representation thereof to any Assistant or justice of the peace in the same county, who is hereby impowered and directed to issue a warrant thereon directed to the sheriff of the county, his deputy, or constable, requiring him or them to seize and hold such goods, chattels or effects of such inimical person or persons and make return of such warrant with his doings thereon to the next county court in the same county, who are hereby authorized and directed to enquire into the matters aforesaid relative to the property of such goods so attached; and if the property of the same shall be found to be in any person or persons inimical as aforesaid, such county court shall render judgment that such goods, chattels or effects shall be sold and disposed of for the use of this Colony, and the avails thereof paid to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt for the same and lodge the same with the Secretary of this Colony.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever it shall so happen that any person or persons in this Colony is or shall be indebted to any person or persons inimical as aforesaid, either by bond, note, book-debt, or for rent in arrears, or accountable as bailiff and receiver, it shall be the duty of the selectmen of the town wherein such debtor, agent, factor or trustee dwells, or the major part of them, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, in their own names and for the use of this Colony, to institute proper suit or suits, as the nature of the case may require, against such debtor, agent, factor or trustee, for the recovery of such sum or sums as shall be due or oweing to any such inimical person or persons as aforesaid, giving a full and plain representation of the facts relative to the merits of the cause to the county court in the same county where such debtor, agent, factor or trustee dwells; which county court shall render judgment in such suit or suits so brought for such sum or sums found to be due and oweing by such debtor, agent, factor or trustee as aforesaid, for the use of the Governor and Company of this Colony, to be collected and paid to the Treasurer in manner as is already provided in this act. And that all recovery or recoveries against such debtor, bailiff, tenant or receiver, by virtue of this act, and all payments or delivery of goods, chattels or effects by such debtor, agent, factor or trustee, on the requisition aforesaid, shall as effectually discharge such debtor, tenant, bailiff. factor or trustee, for such sum recovered as aforesaid, to all intents and purposes, as though the same had been made or done to the original creditor himself antecedent to incurring the forfeiture aforesaid. And that all contracts made by such debtor, tenant, agent, factor or trustee, with any such inimical person or persons shall be construed according to the true intent and meaning of the parties at the time of making the same. And that whensoever any warrants shall be issued pursuant to this act, to seize the estate and effects of such inimical person or persons, the officer to whom the warrant shall be directed is hereby ordered to leave a true and attested copy thereof with

every person or persons in such respective town as shall be debtor, agent, factor or trustee to such inimical person or persons, or has his or their estate or effects in his hands, at least twelve days before the sitting of the court to which the said warrant shall be made returnable; which service shall effectually secure such debts, goods, chattels or effects in the hands of such debtor, agent, factor or trustee, till the same shall be properly inquired into and determined, that so the avails may be applied to the purposes required by this act.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any such debtor, agent, factor or trustee aforesaid, shall freely and voluntarily pay such debt or sum or sums of money in his or their hands to the selectmen of the town in which he or they dwell, the said selectmen may receive the same with-[606] out instituting || such suit as aforesaid, and give their receipt or discharge of such debt or demand, which shall be good and effectual in law to secure such debtor, agent, factor or trustee against the original creditor or principal for such sum or sums received as aforesaid. And such selectmen shall pay such sum or sums so received to the Colony Treasurer and take his receipt for the same and lodge it with the Secretary as aforesaid.

And it is further enacted and provided, That such selectmen shall have and receive a reasonable reward for their service and expences in and about the premises, which shall be taxed and allowed by the county court of that county in which such selectmen reside; and an order or orders shall be drawn by the clerk of such court upon the Colony Treasurer for the payment of the same accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That an Embargo be forthwith laid upon the exportation out of this Colony by water of the following articles of provision, *viz.* wheat, rye, indian corn, pork, beef, live cattle, peas and beans, butter, cheese, bread, flour, and every kind of meal, and that no pork be exported out of this Colony by land or water, except necessary stores for vessels bound to sea; and that his Honor the Governor

be and he is hereby desired to issue a Proclamation laying such embargo and prohibiting the exportation of such provisions accordingly. Such embargo to continue and be in force until the rising of this Assembly in October next.

Provided nevertheless, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and impowered to grant permits for the exportation out of this Colony of live cattle and provisions in such cases and to such ports and places as he shall judge necessary and expedient for the public service.

Provided also, That his Honor the Governor, by and with the advice of the Council, may discontinue the embargo in whole or in part at any time when they shall judge it expedient.

Whereas the King and Parliament of Great Britain by many acts of said Parliament have claimed and attempted to exercise powers incompatible with and subversive of the antient just and constitutional rights of this and the rest of the English Colonies in America, and have refused to listen to their many and frequent humble, decent and dutiful petitions for redress of grievances and restoration of such their rights and liberties, and turning from them with neglect and contempt to support such claims after a series of accumulated wrong and injury have proceeded to invade said Colonies with fleets and armies, to destroy our towns, shed the blood of our countrymen, and involve us in the calamities incident to war, and are endeavouring to reduce us to an abject surrender of our natural and stipulated rights, and subject our property to the most precarious dependence on their arbitrary will and pleasure, and our persons to slavery; and at length have declared us out of the King's protection, have engaged foreign mercenaries against us, and are evidently and strenuously seeking our ruin and destruction. These and many other transactions, too well known to need enumeration, the painful experience and effects of which we have suffered and feel, make it evident beyond the possibility of a

doubt, that we have nothing to hope from the justice, humanity or temperate councils of the British King or his Parliament, and that all hopes of a reconciliation upon just and equal terms are delusory and vain. In this state of extreme danger, when no alternative is left us but absolute and indefinite submission to such claims as must terminate in the extreme of misery and wretchedness or a total separation from the King of Great Britain and renunciation of all connection with that nation, and a successful resistance to that force which is intended to effect our destruction: Appealing to that God who knows the secrets of all hearts for the sincerity of former declarations of our desire to preserve our antient and constitutional relation to that nation, and protesting solemnly against their oppression and injustice, which have driven us from them and compelled us to use such means as God in his providence hath put in our power for our necessary defence and preservation:

Resolved unanimously by this Assembly, That the Delegates of this Colony in General Congress be and they are hereby instructed to propose to that respectable body, to declare the United American Colonies Free and Independent States, absolved from all allegiance to the King of Great Britain, and to give the assent of this Colony to such declaration when they shall judge it expedient and best, and to whatever measures may be thought proper and necessary by the Congress for forming foreign alliances, or any plan of operation for necessary and mutual defence. And also, that they move and promote, as fast as may be convenient, a regular and permanent Plan of Union and Confederation of the Colonies, for the security and preservation of their just rights and liberties and for mutual defence and security: saving that the administration of government and the power of forming governments for, and the regulation of the internal concerns and police of each Colony, ought to be left and remain to the respective Colonial Legislatures; and also, that such plan of

confederation be laid before such respective legislatures for their previous consideration and assent.*

An Act for raising two Battalions to join the Continental Army in Canada.

Whereas this Assembly have received a requisition from [607] the Honble || Continental Congress for troops to reinforce the continental army in different departments,

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That two battalions of the inhabitants of this Colony shall be immediately raised by voluntary inlistment to join the continental army in the northern department: each battalion to consist of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, and eight companies with one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer, one fifer, and seventy-nine privates to each company, and a staff to consist of one chaplain to said two battalions, and one adjutant, one quarter-master, one surgeon and one surgeon's mate, to each battalion, and to be holden in the continental service until the first day of December next. And each able bodied effective man who shall voluntarily inlist into said service and sufficiently cloath himself therefor

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* *In the Lower House:* Mr. Canfield, Mr. Jed. Strong, Capt. Fairchild, Maj. Phelps, Colo. Seymour, Mr. Williams and Mr. Ephraim Strong, are appointed to join with such gentlemen as the Hon^l Upper House shall appoint and take into consideration the propriety and expediency of instructing our Delegates in the Honble Continental Congress, to move said Congress to declare the United Colonies Independent States, and to prepare Articles of Confederation and Union, and to give the assent of this Colony to such Declaration, and report make &c.

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

In the Upper House: Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington and Wm. Williams, Esq^rs, are appointed to joyn the committee of the Lower House in the affair above mentioned.

Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

This passed the Upper House in the forenoon of June 15th, having previously passed the Lower House. *Rev. War,* iv, 309.

The preamble resembles, and the resolve pretty closely copies, that adopted by the Virginia Convention, May 15th, 1776, but with the addition of the last clause, relative to laying the plan of confederation before the respective legislatures.

shall receive a premium of six pounds, lawful money. And every such man so inlisted as aforesaid who shall provide for himself a good blanket, knapsack, gun, bayonet, and cartouch-box, to the acceptance of his captain, shall receive a further premium of one pound two shillings, money, therefor, and at the same rate and proportion for so many of the articles aforesaid as he shall so furnish himself with as was allowed and given by this Assembly to the troops raised for the defence of this Colony in April 1775, and whilst in service shall be under the same general command, laws and regulations, and entituled to the same pay, wages, privileges and allowances, as the continental troops are, and shall also receive one months pay in advance before he marches out of this Colony.

An Act for raising seven Battalions to join the Continental Army in New York.

Whereas this Assembly have received a requisition from the Honble Continental Congress for troops to reinforce the continental army in different departments:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That seven battalions, inclusive of the regiment or battalion voted to be raised for the general service by this Assembly in May last, be forthwith raised by voluntary inlistment, to march directly to New York and there join the continental army in that place. Each battalion to consist of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, and eight companies with one captain, two lieutenants, one ensign, four serjeants, four corporals, one drummer and one fifer, and seventy-nine privates to each company; and a staff to consist of one chaplain, one adjutant, one quarter-master, one surgeon and one surgeon's mate to each battalion; and to be holden in said service until the 25th day of December next, unless sooner discharged. And each able bodied effective man who shall so inlist into the service and for the term aforesaid and sufficiently cloath himself therefor shall receive a premium of

three pounds, lawful money. And every such man so inlisted as aforesaid who shall provide for himself a good blanket, knapsack, gun, bayonet and cartouch-box, to the acceptance of his captain, shall receive a further premium of one pound two shillings, money, therefor, and at the same rate and proportion for so many of the articles aforesaid as he shall furnish himself with as was allowed and given by this Assembly to the troops raised for the defence of this Colony in April 1775, and shall receive one months pay in advance before he marches out of this Colony. And all those who have inlisted as minute-men and will lay claim to the forty shillings given to them as encouragement to furnish themselves and stand ready as minute-men, and shall also inlist into the service established by this act shall be entituled to a further sum of forty-two shillings, they furnishing and equipping themselves in the same manner as abovesaid, that they may be on an equal footing with the other troops now to be raised for the same service. And that each serjeant shall receive forty-eight shillings, each corporal forty-four shillings, each drummer and fifer forty-four shillings, and each private forty shillings, per calender month for wages during their continuance in said service. And in case any gun, bayonet or cartouch-box shall be lost by inevitable providence, the man so providing the same shall be paid the just value thereof; and a particular account shall be taken of all the arms that shall be used, and the same be apprized by indifferent men under oath. And each man so engaging as aforesaid shall upon inlistment be intituled to six-pence per day for billeting money until he shall march, and shall then be allowed one penny per mile in lieu of rations for travelling expences and one days pay for every twenty miles between home and the general rendezvous, going and returning.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of forty shillings shall be given as a further premium and encouragement to each such man as aforesaid who shall inlist into the continental regiment voted to be raised in the last session of this Assembly and destined to Boston,

over and above the sums already promised to them by this Assembly. And all the aforesaid troops while in service shall be subject to the same general command, law and regulations, and entituled to the same pay, wages, privileges and allowances, as the continental troops are.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act entituled An Act for raising and equipping a body of minute-men to be held in readiness for the better defence of this Colony &c., made and passed by this Assembly at their sessions in May last, so far as it respects the raising of such minute-men pursuant to said act, be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed.

Whereas the troops now raising in this Colony must be furnished with necessary fire-arms, accoutrements and utensils for the service,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That Capt. Jeremiah Wadsworth and Colo. Jonathan Fitch be and they are hereby impowered and directed forthwith to purchase a sufficient number of tin kettles, if to be had in this Colony, [608] for the use of the two battalions now raising and || destined to the northern department, and cause the same to be delivered to the care of the commissary to be forwarded with the baggage of said battalions to the northward, taking his receipt therefor. They are also hereby directed to purchase suitable iron hollow-ware, so far as tin cannot be had, sufficient for the use of the battalions now raising and destined to New York, and forward the same to the care of the commissary-general at New York by the cheapest and most convenient carriage, taking his receipt therefor. That the committee who have procured fire-arms to be made in the several counties be and they are hereby directed to make a division of the whole number of those arms already procured to and among the several towns in this Colony according to their respective lists, and certify to the selectmen of each town the number of guns and bayonets allotted to them and where they may be found, and give proper orders to them to receive

the same; and such selectmen shall deliver such arms as they shall so receive to the chief officers of the troops now raising in such towns, taking their receipts therefor, which receipts shall be lodged in the hands of the treasurers of the respective towns, and such arms when returned shall be lodged with the same treasurers, to be by them kept in constant repair at the cost of such towns, and fully to equip said troops.

It is further resolved, That the fire-arms taken from persons belonging to this Colony who are enemies to this country, and in the hands of the committees of inspection or others, shall be marked with the initial letters of the owners names and apprized by two indifferent men under oath, and a particular account thereof taken by such committee and lodged with the treasurers of the respective towns where such owners live, and shall also be repaired, if need be, by order of such committee at the expence of the Colony, and when repaired shall be delivered to the chief officers of the companies raising in the towns where the owners of such arms belong, taking their receipts therefor, which receipts together with the marks and prices of such arms and the names of the owners shall be recorded by the town clerks of the towns where such owners lived when said arms were taken from them, and a particular account of the repairs of those arms shall by such committee be laid before the Committee of Pay-Table for adjustment, and they are directed to give orders on the Treasurer for payment; and when such guns are returned they shall be lodged with the clerk of such committee of inspection, there to be kept until further orders from such committee or this Assembly. And in case of loss of any such arms of inimical persons, the same may be laid before this Assembly for their orders thereon.

And it is further resolved, That the selectmen of the several towns be and they are hereby directed to purchase or hire arms to furnish such soldiers of any of the battalions aforesaid as cannot furnish themselves or be furnished in any of the ways aforesaid, and shall allow to the owner of each gun so hired the sum of six shillings, and to the owner of

each bayonet, belt and cartouch-box so hired the sum of four shillings, and if such arms are lost by inevitable providence, the owners thereof shall be paid for the time according to apprizal to be made thereof by two indifferent men under oath; and a particular account of all such arms purchased or hired as aforesaid shall be taken by the selectmen and laid before the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall give orders on the Treasurer for payment thereof, and of the cost of purchasing or hiring such arms. And in case a sufficient number of arms cannot be obtained in the ways aforesaid, the number wanting shall be impressed from householders or others not in the militia roll, by warrant for that purpose from civil authority, and the owner or owners of such impressed arms may demand a receipt of the officer who shall impress and receive the same, and be paid the same sums for the use thereof as those from whom arms are hired as aforesaid, and in case of loss shall be paid for such arms according to apprizal to be made as aforesaid.

And it is further resolved, That the captain or chief officer of each company in the battalion aforesaid shall take a particular account of all the arms used in his company, distinguishing such as belong to the Colony, such as soldiers provide for themselves, such as are purchased, such as are hired, such as are impressed as aforesaid, and such as belong to persons inimical, and transmit the same with the prices and repairs to his Honor the Governor, that he may know the state thereof.

And it is further resolved, That the selectmen and committees aforesaid who are to procure any arms to be repaired shall keep a particular account of the repairs of such arms and enter the same distinctly with the prices of such arms in their accounts to be transmitted to the Committee of Pay-Table for their orders for payment. And when such arms shall be returned to the owners, the cost of the repairs shall be deducted out of the premium or hire thereof; and in case of loss of any of the arms taken up in any of the ways aforesaid by inevitable providence, the value thereof at the apprizal

aforesaid together with said premiums or hire shall be paid to the owners of such arms upon proper certificate thereof made to the satisfaction of the Committee of Pay-Table.

This Assembly do appoint David Waterbury junr, Esqr, to be Brigadier-General of the battalions of militia now to be raised to reinforce the continental army in Canada.

This Assembly do appoint James Wadsworth junr, Esqr, to be Brigadier-General of the battalions of militia now to be raised to reinforce the continental army at New York.

[609] This Assembly do appoint Gold Silleck Silliman, Esqr, John Douglas, Esqr, Fisher Gay, Esqr, John Chester, Esqr, William Douglas, Esqr, Comfort Sage, Esqr, Heman Swift, Esqr, and Samuel Selden, Esqr, to be Colonels of the battalions of foot now to be raised in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Solomon Wills, Esqr, John Chandler, Esqr, Selah Hart, Esqr, Jonathan Lattimer, Esqr, William Worthington, Esq , James Arnold, Esqr, William Danielson, Esqr, and Josiah Starr of New Milford, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonels of the battalions of foot now to be raised in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Mathew Mead of Norwalk, Esqr, John Ripley, Esqr, Elias Buell, Esqr, Stilworthy Waters, Esqr, Phineas Porter, Esqr, John Sumner, Esqr, Giles Russell, Esqr, and Benadam Gallop, Esqr, to be Majors of the battalions of foot now to be raised in this Colony.

This Assembly do appoint Colo. Erastus Wolcott, Esqr, to be Colonel of the regiment ordered to be raised by the last General Assembly and stationed at and near New London, instead of Colo. David Waterbury junr, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Mott, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment ordered to be raised by the last Assembly and stationed at or near New London, instead of Comfort Sage, Esqr, promoted.

This Assembly do appoint the persons hereafter named to the respective offices hereinafter mentioned, to take the command of the two battalions ordered by this Assembly to be raised to join the continental army in the northern department; and his Honor the Governor is hereby desired, authorized and impowered, to give commissions according to the form provided and ordered, for each respective officer according to his office and rank, and warrants to such as are appointed on the staff, *viz :*

This Assembly do appoint John Douglas, Esqr, to be Colonel, William Worthington, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, John Sumner, Esqr, Major, of the first battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Aaron Stephens Captain, Isaac Turner 1st Lieutenant, Moses Dudley jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Hylyard Ensign, of the first company of said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint John Harmon jun^{r} Captain, Benjamin Harmon jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Nathaniel Pomeroy 2d Lieutenant, Joel Adams Ensign, of the second company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Ichabod Norton Captain, Amos Barns 1st Lieutenant, Jabez Brooks jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, Jonathan Stoddard Ensign, of the third company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Ozias Pettibone Captain, George Griswold jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Uriel Holmes 2d Lieutenant, Simon Gaynes Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Robinson Captain, David McCluer 1st Lieutenant, Eliphalet Curtiss 2d Lieutenant, Alexander King Ensign, of the 5th company in the 1st battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Josiah Baldwin jun^{r} Captain, Simeon Allen 1st Lieutenant, William Calkins 2d Lieutenant, Stephen Billings jun^{r} Ensign, of the 6th company in the 1st battalion.

[610] This Assembly do appoint Vine Elderkin Captain, William Frissell 1st Lieutenant, Abner Robinson 2d Lieuten-

ant, Lemuel Grosvenor Ensign, of the 7th company in the 1st battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Sharp Captain, Samuel Robinson jun^{r}, 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Burges 2d Lieutenant, Simeon House Ensign, of the 8th company in the 1st battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Heman Swift, Esqr, Colonel, Josiah Starr, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, Stilworthy Waters, Esqr, Major, of the second battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Abijah Rowley Captain, Samuel Fyler jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Hazard 2d Lieutenant, Phineas Grover Ensign, of the 1st company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Thaddeus Lacy Captain, James Reynolds 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Hurd 2d Lieutenant, Abraham Post Ensign, of the 2d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Stephen Hall Captain, Jehiel Meigs jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Ebenezer Fowler jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, David Dudley 3d Ensign, of the 3d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Stephen Mathews Captain, Edward Tiley 1st Lieutenant, Amos Hecock jun^{r}, 2d Lieutenant, Gideon Tucker Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Beach Captain, Benjamin Nichols 1st Lieutenant, John Carter 2d Lieutenant, James Bebee jun^{r} Ensign, of the 5th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Jonas Prentice Captain, Samuel Camp 1st Lieutenant, Divan Berry 2d Lieutenant, Ambrose Baldwin Ensign, of the 6th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Jabez Botsford Captain, John Trowbridge jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Shadrach Hubbell 2d Lieutenant, Clement Botsford Ensign, of the 7th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Couch Captain, John Ransom jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, John Bliss 2d Lieutenant,

Jedidiah Durkee Ensign, of the 8th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint the persons hereafter named to the respective offices hereinafter mentioned, to take the command of the six battalions ordered by this Assembly to be raised and marched directly to New York and there to join the continental army in that place; and his Honor the Governor is hereby desired, authorized and impowered, to give commissions according to the form provided and ordered for each respective officer according to his office and rank, and warrants to such as are appointed on the staff, *viz:*

This Assembly do appoint Gold Silleck Silliman, Esqr, to be Colonel, John Chandler, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Mathew Mead, Major, of the first battalion.

• [611] This Assembly do appoint George Benjamin Captain, Wakeman Burr 1st Lieutenant, Josiah Lacey 2d Lieutenant, Daniel Duncan Ensign, of the first company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Zalmon Read Captain, Ezekiel Sanford 1st Lieutenant, Ebenezer Banks jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, Joshua Adams Ensign, of the 2d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Wm. Gaylord Hubbel Captain, Peter Penfield 1st Lieutenant, Seth Abbott 2d Lieutenant, Benjamin Hecox Ensign, of the 3d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Mead Captain, Simon Ingersol 1st Lieutenant, Henry Warren 2d Lieutenant, Thomas Hobby jun^{r} Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Silvanus Brown Captain, Joseph Webb jun^{r} 1st Lieutenant, Thaddeus Weed 2d Lieutenant, Gideon Waterbury Ensign, of the 5th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Gamaliel Northrup jun^{r} Captain, James Betts 1st Lieutenant, John St. John 2d Lieutenant,

Ebenezer Olmsted Ensign, of the 6th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Reuben Bostwick Captain, Isaac Deforest 1st Lieutenant, Israel Baldwin 2d Lieutenant, Lazarus Ruggles Ensign, of the 7th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Nathan Hurd jun^r Captain, Elisha Brace 1st Lieutenant, Noah Judson 2d Lieutenant, Elisha Clark Ensign, of the 8th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Fisher Gay, Esqr, to be Colonel,* Selah Hart, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Benadam Gallop, Esqr, to be Major, of the 2d battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Gad Stanley Captain, Ambrose Sloper 1st Lieutenant, John Allen 2d Lieutenant, Titus Bunnell Ensign, of the 1st company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Jonah Gillett jun^r Captain, Obed Holcomb 1st Lieutenant, Phineas Drake 2d Lieutenant, Samuel Wing Ensign, of the 2d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Rogers Captain, Nathaniel Hamlin 1st Lieutenant, Hezekiah Andrews 2d Lieutenant, Joel Harmon Ensign, of the 3d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Stephen Goodwin Captain, Giles Gaylord 1st Lieutenant, Stephen Scovil 2d Lieutenant, Jesse Judd Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Abraham Bradley Captain, Tilley Blakesley 1st Lieutenant, Thomas Catlin 2d Lieutenant, James Morriss jun^r Ensign, of the 5th company in said battalion.

[612] This Assembly do appoint Simon Wolcott Captain, John Charter 1st Lieutenant, Hezekiah Wills 2d Lieutenant, Aaron Eaton Ensign, of the 6th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Mosely Captain, Thomas Hollister jun^r 1st Lieutenant, Mathew Buell 2d Lieutenant, Reuben Phelps Ensign, of the 7th company in said battalion.

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* Col. Fisher Gay died at New York, Aug. 22, 1776, in his 42d year. *Courant*, No. 610.

This Assembly do appoint Epaphras Loomiss Captain, John Rockwell 1st Lieutenant, Abner Willson 2d Lieutenant, Charles Goodwin Ensign, of the 8th company in said battalion.

Third Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Comfort Sage, Esqr, to be Colonel, William Danielson, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, Elias Buell, Esqr, Major, of the third battalion.

This Assembly do appoint James Clark Captain, Elias Bliss 1st Lieutenant, Ebenezer West 2d Lieutenant, Jonah Palmer Ensign, of the 1st company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Hezekiah Parsons Captain, Josiah Converse 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Booth 2d Lieutenant, Nath^{ll} Chapin Ensign, of the 2d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Birge Captain, Edward Payne 1st Lieutenant, Nath^{ll} West 2d Lieutenant, George Hubbard Ensign, of the 3d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Joseph Churchill Captain, Jacob Wetmore 1st Lieutenant, Timothy Clark 2d Lieutenant, Titus Carrier Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Eells jun^{r} Captain, David Smith 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Cornish 2d Lieutenant, Oliver Hubbard Ensign, of the 5th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Jonathan Parker Captain, Ichabod Hinckley 1st Lieutenant, Timothy Holt 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Rider Ensign, of the 6th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint John Green Captain, Daniel Clark 1st Lieutenant, Josiah Robbins 2d Lieutenant, Jonathan Buck Ensign, of the 7th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint John Dixon Captain, William Edmunds 1st Lieutenant, Abraham Shepard 2d Lieutenant, John Chamberlin jun^{r} Ensign, of the 8th company in said battalion.

Fourth Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Selden, Esqr, to be

Colonel, Jonathan Lattimore, Esqr. Lieutenant-Colonel, Giles Russell, Esqr, Major, of the 4th battalion.

[613] This Assembly do appoint John Willey Captain, Bezaleel Brainerd 1st Lieutenant, Jona. Kilborn 2d Lieutenant, Jonah Brainerd Ensign, of the 1st company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint William Belcher Captain, Benja. Brewster 1st Lieutenant, Isaac Wheeler Stanton 2d Lieutenant, Asa Story Ensign, of the 2d company in said regiment.

This Assembly do appoint Richard Deshon Captain, John Comstock 2d 1st Lieutenant, Edward Hallam 2d Lieutenant, Richard Douglas Ensign, of the 3d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Ebenezer Witter jun^{r} Captain, Elias S. Palmer 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Smith 2d Lieutenant, John Williams 3d Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Abel Spicer Captain, Jonathan Palmer 1st Lieutenant, Park Avery jun^{r} 2d Lieutenant, Edward Jeffery Ensign, of the 5th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Joshua Huntington Captain, Ezekiel Waterman 1st Lieutenant, John Wheatly 2d Lieutenant, Charles Fanning Ensign, of the 6th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Elijah Bingham Captain, Elisha Wade 1st Lieutenant, William Raymond 2d Lieutenant, David Bill Ensign, of the 7th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Elisha Chapman Captain, John Hart 1st Lieutenant, Job Wright 2d Lieutenant, Nathaniel Jones jun^{r} Ensign, of the 8th company in said battalion.

Fifth Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint William Douglas, Esqr, to be Colonel, James Arnold, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, Phineas Porter, Esqr, Major, of the 5th battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Johnson Captain,

Nathan Peirson 1st Lieutenant, Ambrose Hine 2d Lieutenant, Charles Norton Ensign, of the 1st company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Edward Russell Captain, Samuel Baldwin 1st Lieutenant, Stephen Potter 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Shaylor Ensign, of the 2d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Robert Brown Captain, Peter Johnson 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Mansfield 2d Lieutenant, Samuel Newton Ensign, of the 3d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Noah Ives Captain, Jared Robinson 1st Lieutenant, Jared Hill 2d Lieutenant, John Mansfield Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Peck jun^r Captain, Jehiel Bryant 1st Lieutenant, Jesse Goodyear 2d Lieutenant, Titus Peck Ensign, of the 5th company in said battalion.

[614] This Assembly do appoint John Lewiss jun^r Captain, James Warner 1st Lieutenant, Michael Bronson 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Beach jun^r Ensign, of the 6th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Nathanel Bunnel Captain, Hawkins Hart 1st Lieutenant, Thomas Lyman 2d Lieutenant, Miles Hull Ensign, of the 7th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Cornelius Higgins Captain, James Arnold 1st Lieutenant, Amos Beecher 2d Lieutenant, Samuel Scovel Ensign, of the eighth company in said battalion.

Sixth Battalion.

This Assembly do appoint John Chester, Esqr, to be Colonel, Solomon Wills, Esqr, Lieutenant-Colonel, John Ripley, Esqr, Major, of the 6th battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Israel Seymour Captain, John Barnard 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Mattox 2d Lieutenant, Joseph Bunce Ensign, of the 1st company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Hezekiah Wyllys Captain, John Hurlburt jun^r 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Skinner 2d Lieutenant, Andrew Hylyer Ensign, of the 2d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Chester Wells Captain, Edward

Bulkley 1st Lieutenant, Benja. Talmadge 2d Lieutenant, James Hecox Ensign, of the 3d company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Benjamin Clark Captain, James Tyler 1st Lieutenant, Samuel Marcy junr 2d Lieutenant, Daniel Knowlton Ensign, of the 4th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Stephen Lyon Captain, Josiah Childs 1st Lieutenant, John Kimball 2d Lieutenant, Richard Peabody Ensign, of the 5th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Asa Bacon Captain, Abner Bacon 1st Lieutenant, Amaziah Rust 2d Lieutenant, Aaron Cleaveland junr Ensign, of the 6th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint Samuel Thomson Captain, Gershom Barrows 1st Lieutenant, Daniel Dunham 2d Lieutenant, Ebenezer Sessions Ensign, of the 7th company in said battalion.

This Assembly do appoint John Isham junr Captain, Eliphalet Chamberlin 1st Lieutenant, Asaph Trumbull 2d Lieutenant, Joshua Ransom junr Ensign, of the 8th company in said battalion.

Whereas the General Assembly holden at Hartford in May last did appoint John Blackleach to be First Lieutenant and William Hawley to be Second Lieutenant of the company of which Elijah Abel is Captain, in the regiment ordered to be raised for the defence of this and the adjoining [615] Colonies, || which is found to be inconvenient: Resolved by this Assembly, that the aforesaid act of the General Assembly in May last, as far as it respects the appointments aforesaid, be and the same is hereby repealed. And this Assembly do appoint William Hawley to be First Lieutenant and John Blackleach to be Second Lieutenant of the aforesaid company under the command of the said Captain Elijah Abell; anything in said act contained notwithstanding.

Whereas this Assembly at their present sessions pass'd an act appointing Nathaniel Pomeroy junr a First Lieutenant in

Capt. John Harmon's company in Colo. John Douglass' regiment; and whereas this Assembly at their sessions held at Hartford in May last appointed Thomas Abbe a First Lieutenant in Capt. Abiel Pease's company in Col. Waterbury's regiment; and as the exchanging the arrangement of said officers would be greatly to the advantage of the public service, *viz.* to appoint the said Nath[l] Pomeroy jun[r] to be a First Lieutenant in Capt. Pease's company and the said Thomas Abbee to be a First Lieutenant in Capt. Harmon's company:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the aforesaid acts referred to respecting the appointment of the said Pomeroy and Abbee to be Lieutenants be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed accordingly. Whereupon this Assembly do appoint Thomas Abbee of Enfield to be a First Lieutenant in Capt. John Harmon's company in Colo. John Douglass' regiment. This Assembly do appoint Nathaniel Pomeroy jun[r] of Suffield to be a First Lieutenant in Capt. Abiel Pease's company in Colo. Waterbury's regiment.

Jonathan Trumbull, Esq[r], Governor of the Colony of Connecticut,

To Greeting:

I do hereby authorize and impower you, at beat of drum or otherwise, to raise by voluntary inlistment a company of ninety-three able bodied effective men, including officers, to join the continental army in Canada, to be holden in said service until the first day of December next, according to an act of the General Assembly of this Colony at their special sessions on the 14th day of June 1776. And you will publish the proclamation herewith committed to you in that behalf for the encouragement of those who incline to inlist. And the colonels in the several regiments in this Colony, and the commanding officers of the companies in those regiments, are hereby required to lend you their aid and muster the companies under their command if need be, for the purposes aforesaid.

In the Lower House: The above form of Beating Orders is accepted and approved.

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk

Concurr'd in the Upper House: Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut,

To Greeting:

I do hereby authorize and impower you, at beat of drum or otherwise, to raise by voluntary inlistment a company consisting of ninety-three able bodied effective men, including officers, to join the continental army in and near New York, to be holden in said service until the 25th day of December next, unless sooner discharged, according to an act of the General [Assembly] of this Colony made and passed at their special sessions on the 14th June 1776. And you will publish the resolve of Assembly herewith committed to you in that behalf, for the encouragement of those who incline to inlist. And the colonels of the several regiments in this Colony and the commanding officers of the companies in those regiments are hereby required to lend you their aid and muster their companies under their command if need be, for the purpose aforesaid.

In the Lower House: This draught is accepted and approv'd,

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurred in the Upper House: Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y.

I of do acknowledge to have voluntarily inlisted myself a soldier to serve in a battalion of foot raised by the Colony of Connecticut for the defence of the United Colonies, to be commanded by Esqr, until the first day of December next, according to the directions of the Continental Congress.

Witness my hand this day of A.D. 1776.

In the Lower House: The foregoing form of an Inlistment is accepted and approved,

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurr'd in the Upper House: Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Secret'y

I of do acknowledge to have voluntarily inlisted myself a soldier to serve in a battalion of foot raised by the Colony of Connecticut to join the Continental army in New York, to be commanded by Esqr, until the twenty-fifth day of December next.

Witness my hand this day of A.D. 1776.

In the Lower House: This draught is accepted and approved.

Test. TITUS HOSMER Clerk.

Concurred in the Upper House: Test. GEORGE WYLLYS Sec'y.

[616] *Resolved by this Assembly*, That the form for warrants for Chaplains be as follows:

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor and Commander in Chief of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To Revd Greeting:

Reposing special trust and confidence in your piety, ability, fidelity and good conduct, I do hereby appoint you the said a Chaplain of the regiment And do hereby authorize and impower you to exercise the several acts and duties of your office and station as chaplain of the said regiment, which you are faithfully to perform in a due and religious discharge thereof, according to the important trust reposed in you, for which this is your warrant.

Given under my hand and seal at arms in the Colony aforesaid this day of *A. Dom.* 177 .

Resolved by this Assembly, That the form for warrants for Physicians and Surgeons in the forces now raising in this Colony for defence of the same be as follows, *viz:*

Jonathan Trumbull, Esqr, Governor and Commander in Chief of the English Colony of Connecticut in New England in America,

To Gentleman, Greeting:

I do by these presents, reposing especial confidence in your fidelity, skill and good conduct, constitute and appoint you the said to be Physician and Surgeon in the regiment now raised out of the militia of this Colony, inlisted and assembled for the defence of this and the rest of the United Colonies. And I do hereby authorize and impower you to

exercise your said office in a due discharge of the duties thereof, which you are carefully and diligently to attend as a physician as aforesaid, according to the trust reposed in you, for which this is your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at in said Colony the day of A.D. 1776.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissions of the officers nominated and appointed by this Assembly at their session in May last shall bear date on the 10th day of June 1776, and his Honor the Governor and the Secretary are desired and directed to sign the same filled up accordingly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the commissions for the officers in the several battalions ordered to be raised in this Colony at their present sessions shall bear date the 20th day of June 1776, and the Governor and Secretary are desired and directed to sign and issue the same accordingly.

Whereas this Assembly have ordered nine battalions to be raised in this Colony to join the continental army at New York and Canada, and some of the officers appointed on said battalions may fail to accept the trust, and by death or other ways vacancies may happen,

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be desired and he hereby is authorized and impowered, to appoint any officer or officers to fill up such vacancies that shall happen as aforesaid, and to commissionate the same accordingly.

Resolved, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and desired, to appoint the chaplains, surgeons and surgeon's mates for the several regiments raised by order of this and the last sessions of this Assembly, where the same have not already been appointed by this Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and desired to appoint

armourers for the several regiments now raising in this Colony.

Whereas this Assembly, to encourage and facilitate the enlistment of the troops to be raised in this Colony on the requisitions of Congress, has ordered that each soldier shall receive the first months pay before their march &c., and that the same may be replaced in the treasury,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the colonel or chief officer of each battalion shall receive of the paymasters of the continental army the first months pay of such soldier, and when received pay the same into the treasury of this Colony, [617] first deducting || out what shall be due to each inlisted soldier from the time of his inlistment until the day of his march, and what they shall so deduct shall be by them paid into the hands of the captains of the several companies, to be by them paid to the soldiers according to act of Assembly.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the Committee of the Pay-Table be and they are hereby authorized and directed to order and pay into the hands of the several captains or chief officers of companies in the several regiments or battalions ordered to be raised by this Assembly in their last and in the present session, to the sum and amount of the several premiums and advance pay and wages granted and ordered by this Assembly to them and their respective companies to be paid and advanced to them severally and respectively on their undertaking or inlistments or before their march out of this Colony: such captains first lodging sufficient bonds with surety to the acceptance of said committee for the faithful discharge of their duty in paying out the same to the soldiers or others intituled to receive the same according to the acts of this Assembly respecting their several destinations, and thereof render and settle their accounts with said committee; for which service said captains or chief officers shall be allowed at the rate of one and a half *per cent.*

Whereas the General Assembly held at Hartford in May last did resolve, and enacted that the troops in the pay of this Colony at New London, New Haven, Groton and Stonington, shall be augmented into a regiment and should have and receive the same pay and allowances in every respect as the troops raised for the defence of this Colony in April, 1775, had and received, which is found to be inconvenient,

Resolved by this Assembly, That the said troops now at New London, Groton, Stonington and New Haven, and the additional troops raised or to be raised to augment said troops into a regiment, shall have and receive the same pay, wages and allowances, in every respect as the troops raised by order of the Continental Congress for continental service do have and receive; any act or resolve of this Assembly to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further resolved, That every able bodied effective man that hath or shall inlist into any of the companies ordered to be raised to augment said troops now at New London, New Haven, Groton and Stonington, into a regiment, shall have and receive a premium or bounty of twenty shillings over and above the continental allowances aforesaid.

And whereas a resolve was made and passed by said Assembly held here in May last, impowering and directing his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety by all proper ways and means to bring said companies at New London &c. upon the present Colony plan and regulations, in the manner in said resolve particularly pointed out, which being now become unnecessary,

It is further resolved, That said act or resolve last mentioned be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the colonels of the several regiments ordered by this Assembly to be raised and to join the continental army at New York be permitted and allowed to ship or transport to the place of their destination four hogsheads of rum, two hogsheads of molasses and two barrels of

sugar for each of their respective regiments for their present supply, the embargo on West Indies goods laid by this Assembly in their last sessions notwithstanding.

Colo. Samuel Abbott, Mr. Hezekiah Lane, Mr. Thaddeus Burr, and Colo. Jonathan Fitch, Capt. Elisha Child and Mr. Joseph Hopkins, are appointed in addition to the former committee to procure fire-arms and gun-locks to be made and manufactured in this Colony to be purchased and taken up by this Colony upon the encouragement and according to the resolutions of this Assembly in that behalf.

Whereas there is great reason to apprehend that there will be large demand for the article of pork for the supplies of the forces that have or may be raised for the public service, and unless some measures are taken to secure a supply thereof there may be danger of quantities being clandestinely purchased up and conveyed to our enemies or engrossed by particular persons, which may occasion both public and private distress for want thereof: Which to prevent,

It is therefore resolved by this Assembly, That Jeremiah Wadsworth of Hartford, John Deshon of New London, Jonathan Fitch of New Haven, and Samuel Squire of Fairfield, David Trumbull of Lebanon, and Lynde Lord of Litchfield, and any or either of them, be and they are hereby appointed to purchase up for the use of this Colony all the pork within the same, at the market price as it now is, to be stored and kept in proper stores to be disposed of and applied from time to time for the public use, according as the exigencies of affairs may require, for the use of this Colony or of the continental army, under the direction of this Assembly or of the Governor and his Council of Safety. And the Pay-Table is hereby directed to draw on the Treasurer in favour of either of said committee for money to pay for the same. And if any person or persons who are possess'd of any quantity of stores of pork more than sufficient for their own use shall [618] refuse to sell and || deliver such pork to said committee

or either of them, on his or their request and tender of money or bills of credit therefor at the market price as aforesaid where the same may be, such person or persons so refusing shall incur the penalty and forfeiture of the full value of such pork so by him or them refused to be sold and delivered for the use of this Colony, to be recovered by action, bill, plaint or information, in any court proper to try the same; and either of said committee are hereby authorized and impowered to prosecute the breach or breaches of this act.

Whereas the article of lead is wanted in this Colony for public use, and in order to provide the same,

It is resolved by this Assembly, That the selectmen of the respective towns in this Colony be and they are hereby impowered and directed forthwith to purchase such lead weights and other implements of lead, as well as all the bar and old lead except sheet lead on buildings, as also all shot as shall be found in the hands of particular persons in this Colony, at a reasonable price for the use of this Colony, and certify the quantity by them obtained and price agreed on to the Committee of Pay-Table, who shall draw orders on the Treasurer in favour of such selectmen for the payment thereof. And the Committee of Pay-Table shall certify the several quantities so obtained in each town to his Honor the Governor, that the same may be by him and his Council of Safety ordered and disposed of to the several towns which are deficient, or to public use as they shall direct.

And be it further resolved, That if any person or persons shall refuse to sell and deliver such lead in their custody to said selectmen, it shall be the duty of the civil authority, on application made by the selectmen, to grant proper warrants for impressing the same for the use of this Colony, to be paid for as aforesaid.

Resolved by this Assembly, That the committee appointed to procure tin kettles and iron hollow-ware for the use of the battalions of foot ordered to be raised in this Colony do likewise purchase two suitable brass wash-kettles for each of the

companies in the battalions aforesaid, and deliver the same to the Commissary-General or his deputy, for the use of said battalions.

Whereas the General Assembly holden at Hartford on the second Thursday of May last did agree with Thomas Bidwell of the city of Philadelphia to manufacture sulphur in and for this Colony: And whereas those persons on whose estates the ore of sulphur may be found may not be willing to permit such ores to be dug up and raised without difficulty and delay: Which to prevent,

Resolved by this Assembly, That Daniel Brainerd, Dyar Throop and Jabez Chapman, Esq^{rs}, or either two of them, be a committee with full power speedily to agree with any person or persons in whose lands or estate such ore of sulphur may be found, for liberty to dig and use such ores for a reasonable rent. And in case they shall not be able speedily to make such agreement, said committee are authorized and impowered, by writing under their hands, to authorize and impower the said Thomas Bidwell or his servants to enter upon such lands or estates and dig, take and use such ore of sulphur therein found, he allowing and paying such rent for the same as said committee shall judge just and reasonable and appoint. And such writing shall be taken and deemed as effectual in law to entitle the said Thomas Bidwell to use and improve such oars or mines of sulphur ore for and during the term therein mentioned as a lease in writing under the hand of the owner or owners of such estate would be.

Whereas the General Assembly holden at Hartford in May last did appoint Colo. Joshua Porter to procure twenty iron pots and receivers for the use of Thomas Bidwell, to be used for the purpose of manufacturing sulphur for the benefit of this Colony, and said Porter being unable to attend said business: Resolved by this Assembly, that Major Nath^{ll} Terry be and he is appointed, instead of said Colo. Porter, to procure said pots and receivers for the purpose aforesaid, and deliver the same to said Thomas Bidwell.

Resolved by this Assembly, That Joseph Hopkins, Esqr, Mr. Isaac Doolittle, Capt. Elisha Childs, Colo. Samuel Chapman and Capt. Henry Allyn, be a committee, severally or in conjunction, to search after lead mines in this Colony and inform his Honor the Governor of any discovery they shall make, that he may state the same to the President of the Honble Continental Congress.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That there be forthwith imprinted the sum of fifty thousand pounds bills of credit on this Colony equal to lawful money, of suitable denominations from six pence, L. money, to forty shillings inclusive, and of the same tenor with the late emissions of bills of credit of this Colony, without interest, payable at or before the first day of January 1782, dated the 19th day of June 1776. And Jabez Hamlin, William Pitkin, [619] George Wyllys, Elisha Williams, || Benjamin Payne, Thomas Seymour and Jesse Root, Esq^{rs}, or any three of them, are appointed a committee for the purpose aforesaid, to take care said bills are imprinted with all convenient speed and to sign and deliver the same to the Treasurer of this Colony, taking his receipt therefor. And either one of said committee signing the said bills of the denomination of six shillings and under, and any two signing the other bills, shall be sufficient. And said committee shall be sworn to a faithful discharge of their trust. And the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay out said bills according to the orders of this Assembly.

And for providing an ample and sufficient fund to call in, sink and discharge the aforesaid sum to be emitted as aforesaid,

Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a tax of seven pence on the pound be and is hereby granted and ordered to be levied on all the polls and rateable estate in this Colony, according to the list thereof to be brought into this Assembly in October 1779, with the additions; which tax

shall be collected and paid into the Colony treasury by the last day of December 1781; which tax may be discharged by paying any of the bills emitted by order of this Assembly, or continental bills, or lawful money; and the Treasurer of this Colony is hereby ordered and directed to send out his warrants for collecting said tax accordingly.

Upon the report of the committee appointed to confer on the differing votes of the Houses on the memorial of the committee of inspection of the town of Norwich concerning the brig Nancy and her cargo brought into Norwich in July last, reporting to this Assembly that the said brig and cargo was the property of one Joshua Winslow late of Boston, deceas'd; that the said Joshua was at the time of his death a person reputed to be an enemy to this country; that the property of said brig and cargo on the death of said Joshua vested in his widow and children as heirs at law; that the said widow Hannah Winslow also has the character of an enemy to this country; that the said brig came into Stonington about the beginning of July last, where she was secured by order of some gentlemen in Norwich, who sent Capt. Robert Niles and he took some others with him and brought her to Norwich, to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy then in Boston; that Capt. Niles was not then in the service of this Colony; that said brig was laid up in Norwich and her cargo secured there on the 18th day of July last by the committees of correspondence and inspection in Norwich, where the same are still kept; that Messrs. Israel Dodge and company of Salem having a considerable demand on the estate of said deceas'd brought their action for the same in the county of New London against the administrators of said estate and served their writ by leaving copies thereof with the persons who have said molasses in possession, and said suit is yet depending in the law, and the administrators are supposed to be gone with the enemy from Boston to Halifax; that said brig is lying at the wharf, cannot be kept out of a perishing condition, and that the molasses is an article

greatly wanted by the householders in this Colony and is [in] a perishing condition; which report being accepted and approved, as on file:

Resolved by this Assembly, That the committee of inspection of the town of Norwich be and they are hereby authorized and impowered by themselves or such person or persons as they shall appoint, to sell and dispose of said brig Nancy and her appurtenances and cargo at the just value thereof, or to the best advantage: * said molasses to be sold to householders, or such persons as will dispose thereof to householders at a reasonable price: said committee of safety to render an account of sales of said brig and appurtenances and cargo to this Assembly, and deposit the avails thereof in the Colony treasury, there to be kept ready to be responded so much thereof to said Dodge and company as they shall recover for debt and cost on their demand aforesaid, and the remainder to such persons as shall shew to this Assembly their just claim or title to the same.

Whereas information hath been made to this Assembly by Amos Barns, Dan Hill and James Stoddard, three of the committee of inspection in Farmington, that Thomas Brooks of Farmington, lieutenant of the 12th company in the 15th regiment, hath openly professed before said committee that he could not satisfy himself that the Colonies could be justifyed in their present measures, and that he could not join with them against Great Britain or against the King, and that he is unfit to sustain any military office: Resolved by this Assembly, that Colo. John Pitkin and Colo. Thomas Belden be a committee to call said Brooks before them and examine into the matters alledged in said complaint or information, and report make of what they shall find, with their opinion thereon, to this or the next General Assembly; and that in the meantime he be and is hereby suspended from the exercise of his office of lieutenant of the company aforesaid.

* The brig was sold for continental use, for the sum of £365 10s. lawful money. *Rev. War*, iv, 334; *id.* ix, 50.

Resolved by this Assembly, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and desired to employ a suitable person to ride post from this Colony to Albany, and to any further or more northern place or stage as shall be necessary and his Honor shall direct, to carry and bring letters and intelligence, for the year ensuing or until this Assembly or his Honor and the Committee of Safety shall otherwise order.

[620] This Assembly do appoint Gold Silleck Silliman, Esqr, to be Colonel of the regiment of horse in this Colony as established by this Assembly in May last.

This Assembly do appoint Thomas Seymour, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment of horse established as aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. William Hart to be Major of the first regiment of horse established as aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint William Hillhouse, Esqr, to be Major of the second regiment of horse established as aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint Daniel Starr to be Major of the third regiment of horse established as aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Ebenezer Backus to be Major of the fourth regiment of horse established as aforesaid.

This Assembly do appoint Capt. Elisha Sheldon of Salisbury to be Major of the fifth regiment of horse established as aforesaid.

This Assembly do establish Solomon Bulkley to be Lieutenant of the fourth company or trainband in the 6th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Mattox to be Lieutenant of the first company or trainband in the first regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Seth Minor to be Ensign of the first company or trainband in the 20th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish John Hopson to be Captain of the 14th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Timothy Munger to be Lieutenant of the 14th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish David Dudley to be Ensign of the 14th company or trainband in the 7th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Elijah Hinman to be Captain of the 12th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Benjamin Spees to be Lieutenant of the 12th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

This Assembly do establish Samuel Curtiss to be Ensign of the 12th company or trainband in the 13th regiment in this Colony.

Whereas this Assembly in May last appointed James Wadsworth, Selah Hart and Dyer Throop, Esq^{rs}, a committee to consider and report upon the subject matters of a memorial then preferred by Thomas Treat, Benjamin Hale and others, inhabitants of the first society in Glastonbury &c., and the said committee being unable to attend said business: Resolved by this Assembly, that Josiah Bissell, Henry Allyn and Roger Newberry, Esq^{rs}, be and they are hereby appointed a committee with the same powers and for the same purposes mentioned in the resolve of the Assembly in May last, and make report of their doings in the premises to this or the next General Assembly; all at the cost of the memorialists.

Upon the memorial of Ephraim Minor of New London, shewing to this Assembly that he lives in the county-house near the goal in New London, which for a long time has been a house of entertainment, and that in January last when the authority in said town nominated tavern-keepers

he had not agreed with the sheriff to continue in said house, and therefore did not procure a nomination by said authority, since which two other tavern-keepers who lived near to said house have removed themselves to a considerable distance from that place, which renders a tavern necessary to be kept where he now lives; praying for a licence &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have licence, and the same is hereby granted to him, to keep a house of public entertainment where he now lives until the sitting of the county court in New London in June 1777; and that said memorialist first enter into and lodge a bond with the treasurer of N. London county for due observation of the laws respecting tavern-keepers or inn-holders.

[621] Upon the memorial of the town of Norwalk in the county of Fairfield, praying for liberty and authority to tax the polls and rateable estate of the inhabitants of said town, to raise money to repair the highways in said town during the pleasure of this Assembly, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said town of Norwalk have liberty, and authority is hereby granted to the inhabitants of said town, to tax the polls and rateable estate of said inhabitants to raise such sums of money as said town shall from time to time judge necessary and sufficient to repair all public highways in said town; which taxes shall be collected by the several surveyors of the several districts for repairing highways in said town and be by such surveyors laid out and improved for the repairing highways in each district in said town. And said town is hereby impowered by the selectmen or a committee chosen annually or from time to time, as occasion shall require, to divide the highways in said town into districts and to assign to each surveyor a certain proportion of highways to be repaired and maintained, and to divide out and proportion to the several surveyors of the several districts the money so raised by said town according to the quantity or proportion of roads set out to them as

aforesaid to be repaired and maintained. And any Assistant or justice of the peace is hereby authorized to issue forth warrants to such surveyors to levy and collect such taxes arising in manner aforesaid within their respective districts, in the same manner and form as other town taxes are collected. And every such surveyor shall render a true account of such money by him so collected to the selectmen of said town in a reasonable time when thereunto required after the same becomes payable to said collectors. And all surplus of such moneys as shall remain in the hands of such surveyors, or any of them, after such highways shall be sufficiently repaired, shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of said town for the time being, and by him and his successors in said office paid out to the next succeeding surveyors of the several districts respectively, in the same proportion as the money raised by said town for the purpose of repairing highways for the then current year shall by said selectmen or committee be ordered to be divided. And it is further resolved, that this liberty and authority shall be and remain to said town of Norwalk during the pleasure of this Assembly.

Upon the memorial of William Brattle, of Pitsfield in the county of Berkshire and Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing to this Assembly that in November last past he purchased two hogsheads of rum and two barrels of sugar in this Colony and left the same in the store of Justus Riley of Weathersfield; praying for liberty to transport the same out of this Colony &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Brattle have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to the said Brattle, to transport the said two hogsheads of rum and two barrels of sugar out of this Colony to the said town of Pitsfield; the late embargo passed in this Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Timothy Scranton, shewing that his son came home from the army and remained grievously

sick for the space of twelve weeks, his said son being a soldier in Colo. Ward's regiment; that his said son has received no wages during the time of his said sickness, and he was put to considerable expence in restoring him to health; praying for relief &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table do adjust the account of wages and expences of the memorialist's said son and allow what they may judge just and reasonable, and give order for payment thereof upon the Treasurer of this Colony.

Upon the memorial of John Coburn of Hartford, shewing to this Assembly that in November last he had transported from New York to said Hartford twenty casks of loaf and brown sugars, the property of Duncan Ingraham of Cambridge near Boston; praying this Assembly that he might have liberty to transport said twenty casks of sugar out of this Colony to Cambridge, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Coburn have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, said Coburn, to transport the said twenty casks of sugar by land only out of this Colony to Cambridge; the embargo lately laid by this Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of Gershom Clark of Lebanon, representing that in the battle on Bunkers Hill, 17th of June 1775, being a soldier in General Putnam's regiment he received a shot through his body by which he was dangerously wounded, and has been and is thereby unable to labour at his trade or otherwise for the support of himself and family; praying for an allowance towards his support, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the sum of thirty pounds be granted to said memorialist out of the public treasury, and the Treasurer is hereby ordered to pay the same accordingly.

Upon the memorial of Grace Meigs of Midletown, praying for the wages of her husband Return Jonathan Meigs as a

major in the service of this Colony from the first day of September last to the first day of June instant, he being detained a prisoner of war at Quebeck &c., as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the Committee of Pay-Table make up and adjust an account of the wages of the said Majr Return Jona. Meigs until the first day of June instant and draw upon the Treasurer for the balance that shall be found due thereon, to be paid to the memorialist accordingly.

[622] Upon the memorial of William Pitkin, George Wyllys, Samuel Talcott, Benjamin Payne, Thomas Seymour and Jesse Root, Esqrs, shewing that there is about six hundred acres of land situate in the town of Stafford belonging to the Free Grammar School in Hartford,* of which they are the committee; that they have an opportunity now to dispose of said lands for the benefit of said school; praying for liberty to dispose of the same &c., as per memorial &c.: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said committee, the memorialists, be and they are hereby impowered and authorized, to make sale of said tract of land, and the money arising on such sale be well secured and the interest thereof be applied to the benefit of a school in Hartford, according to the true intent and purpose of the original grant of said land.

Upon the memorial of Mathew Dorr of Lyme, administrator on the estate of Edmund Dorr late of Lyme, deceas'd, shewing to this Assembly that the debts and charges as allowed by the court of probate for the district of New London surmount the personal estate of said deceas'd the sum of £216 16 7½, and that he hath nothing in his hands for the payment thereof; praying for liberty to make sale of so much of the real estate of said deceas'd as shall raise the said sum of £216 16 7½ with the incident charges arising thereon: Resolved by this Assembly, that the said Mathew

* Granted by the General Assembly, May 1672. *Ante*, vol. ii, 176; iv, 402. The lay-out is recorded in *Col. Record of Deeds etc.*, iii, 258.

Dorr have liberty, and liberty and authority is hereby given and granted to the said Mathew Dorr, to make sale of so much of the real estate of the said deceas'd as shall raise the sum of £216 16 7½ together with the incident charges arising thereon; taking the direction of the court of probate for the district of New London therein.

Upon the memorial of Joseph Gilbert, of Glasgow in the Province of the Massachusets Bay, shewing to this Assembly that in the month of January last he and one William Thomson of said Glasgow purchased at Midletown of Richard Alsop, Esqr, since deceas'd, three hundred and thirty gallons of New England rum, and at the same time purchased of one Stephen Ranny fifteen bushels of salt, with intent to transport said goods to said Glasgow, and praying for liberty to carry said goods out of this Colony, as per memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that the memorialist have liberty, and liberty is hereby granted to him, to transport said three hundred gallons of New England rum and fifteen bushels of salt from said Midletown to said Glasgow; anything in said act of Assembly notwithstanding.

Upon the memorial of the authority, selectmen &c. of the town of Windham, representing to this Assembly that since the nomination of persons in said town proper to keep houses of public entertainment, there is erected a powder-mill near to the house of David Young in said Windham, which mill and the manufacturing powder therein is the occasion of much company, teams &c., resorting and being there on business; praying said Youngs may be appointed to keep a house of entertainment &c., as per said memorial on file: Resolved by this Assembly, that said David Young be and he hereby has liberty and licence granted to him to keep a house of public entertainment in the house where he now dwells, till the sitting of the county court in Windham county June 4th Tuesday 1777, he giving bond in due form of law as other persons licenced to keep houses of entertain-

ment are obliged to do, before the next county court to be holden in said county.

This Assembly is adjourned by proclamation &c. until his Honor the Governor, or in his absence the Deputy Governor, shall see cause to call it to meet again.

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BY THE HONORABLE

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A PROCLAMATION.

The Race of Mankind was made in a State of Innocence and Freedom, subjected only to the Laws of GOD the CREATOR, and through his rich Goodness, designed for virtuous Liberty and Happiness here and forever; and when moral Evil was introduced into the World, and Man had corrupted his Ways before GOD, Vice and Iniquity came in like a Flood, and Mankind became exposed, and a prey to the Violence, Injustice and Oppression of one another. GOD, in great Mercy, inclined his People to form themselves into Society, and to set up and establish civil Government for the Protection and Security of their Lives and Properties from the Invasion of wicked Men: But through Pride and Ambition, the King's and Princes of the World, appointed by the People the Guardians of their Lives and Liberties, early and almost universally, degenerated into Tyrants, and by Fraud or Force betrayed and wrested out of their Hands the very Rights and Properties they were appointed to protect and defend. But a small Part of the Human Race maintained and enjoyed any tolerable Degree of Freedom. Among those happy Few the Nation of *Great-Britain* was distinguished, by a Constitution

of Government wisely framed and modelled, to support the Dignity and Power of the Prince, for the Protection of the Rights of the People; and under which, that Country in long Succession, enjoyed great Tranquility and Peace, though not unattended with repeated and powerful Efforts, by many of it's haughty Kings, to destroy the constitutional Rights of the People, and establish arbitrary Power and Dominion. In one of those convulsive Struggles, our Forefathers having suffered in that, their native Country, great and variety of Injustice and Oppression, left their dear Connections and Enjoyments, and fled to this then inhospitable Land, to secure a lasting Retreat from civil and religious Tyranny.

The GOD of Heaven favored and prospered their Undertaking — made Room for their Settlement — increased and mutiplied them to a very numerous People, and inclined succeeding King's to indulge them and their Children for many Years, the unmolested Enjoyment of the Freedom and Liberty they fled to inherit: But, an unnatural King has risen up — violated his sacred Obligations, and by the Advice of evil Counsellors, attempted to wrest from us, their Children, the sacred Rights we justly claim, and which have been ratified and established by solemn Compact with, and recognized by, his Predecessors and Fathers, King's of *Great-Britain* — laid upon us Burdens too heavy and grievous to be born, and issued many cruel and oppressive Edicts, depriving us of our natural, lawful, and most important Rights, and subjecting us to the absolute Power and Controul of himself, and the *British* Legislature; against which we have sought Relief by humble, earnest and dutiful Complaints and Petitions: But, instead of obtaining Redress, our Petitions have been treated with Scorn and Contempt, and fresh Injuries heaped upon us, while hostile Armies and Ships are sent to destroy and lay waste our Country. In this distressing Dilemma, having no Alternative but absolute Slavery, or successful Resistance; this, and the United American Colonies, have been constrained by the over-ruling Laws of Self-Preservation, to take up Arms for the Defence of all that is sacred and dear to Freemen, and make their solemn Appeal to Heaven for the Justice of their Cause, and resist Force by Force.

GOD ALMIGHTY has been pleased, of his infinite Mercy, to succeed our Attempts, and give us many Instances of signal Success and Deliverance; but the Wrath of the King is still increasing, and not content with before employing all the Force which can be sent from his own Kingdom to execute

his cruel Purposes, has procured, and is sending all the Mercenaries he can obtain from foreign Countries, to assist in extirpating the Rights of *America*, and with their's, almost all the Liberty remaining among Mankind.

IN this most critical and alarming Situation, this, and all the Colonies, are called upon, and earnestly pressed, by the honorable CONGRESS of the *American* Colonies, united for mutual Defence, to raise a large additional Number of their Militia and able Men, to be furnished and equipped with all possible Expedition, for Defence against the soon expected Attack and Invasion of those who are our Enemies without a Cause. In chearful Compliance with which Request, and urged by Motives the most cogent and important that can affect the human Mind, the General Assembly of this Colony have freely and unanimously agreed and resolved, that upwards of Seven Thousand able and effective Men be immediately raised, furnished and equipped, for the great and interesting Purposes aforesaid. And not Desirous that any should go to a Warfare at their own Charges, (though equally interested with others) for Defence of the great and all-important Cause in which we are engaged, have granted large and liberal Pay and Encouragements, to all who shall voluntarily undertake for the Defence of themselves and their Country, as by their Acts may appear.

I DO THEREFORE, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives in General Court assembled, issue this PROCLAMATION, and make the solemn Appeal of said Assembly to the Virtue and public Spirit of the good People of this Colony. Affairs are hastening fast to a Crisis, and the approaching Campaign will, in all Probability, determine forever the Fate of *America*. If this should be successful on our Side, there is little to fear on Account of any other. Be exhorted to rise, therefore, to superior Exertions on this great Occasion; and let all that are able and necessary, shew themselves ready in Behalf of their injured and oppressed Country, and come forth to the Help of the LORD against the Mighty, and convince the unrelenting Tyrant of *Britain*, that they are resolved to be FREE. Let them step forth to defend their Wives, their little Ones, their Liberty, and every thing they hold sacred and dear, to defend the Cause of their Country, their Religion and their GOD. Let every one to the utmost of their Power, lend a helping Hand to promote and forward a Design on which the Salvation of *America* now evidently depends. Nor need any be dismayed: the Cause is certainly a just and a

glorious one: GOD is able to save us in such Way and Manner as he pleases, and to humble our proud Oppressors. The Cause is that of Truth and Justice; he has already shewn his Power in our Behalf, and for the Destruction of many of our Enemies. *Our Fathers trusted in him and were delivered.* Let us all repent, and thoroughly amend our Ways, and turn to him, put all our Trust and Confidence in him — in his Name go forth, and in his Name set up our Banners, and he will save us with temporal and eternal Salvation. And while our Armies are Abroad, jeoparding their Lives in the high Places of the Field, let all who remain at Home, cry mightily to GOD for the Protection of his Providence, to shield and defend their Lives from Death, and to crown them with Victory and Success. And in the Name of the said General Assembly, I do hereby earnestly recommend it to all, both Ministers and People, frequently to meet together for social Prayer to ALMIGHTY GOD, for the out-pouring of his blessed Spirit upon this guilty Land — That he would awaken his People to Righteousness and Repentance — bless our Councils — prosper our Arms, and succeed the Measures using for our necessary Self-Defence — disappoint the evil and cruel Devices of our Enemies — preserve our precious Rights and Liberties — lengthen out our Tranquility, and make us a People of his Praise, and the blessed of the LORD, as long as the Sun and Moon shall endure.

AND all the Ministers of the Gospel in this Colony, are directed and desired to publish this Proclamation in their several Churches and Congregations, and to enforce the Exhortations therof by their own pious Example and public Instructions.

GIVEN under my Hand, at the Council Chamber in Hartford, *the* 18*th Day of* June, *Anno Domini* 1776.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

[43] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. AT HARTFORD, 18 JUNE, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
D. Governor.
Wm. Williams.
R. Law.
T. Hosmer.
B. Huntington, Esq^{rs}.

On application by Mr. Moseley: Voted, that an order be drawn on Elderkin and Wales's powder-mill for 200 pounds of powder, in favor of Timo. Strong, selectman of Woodbury, to be paid for at such price as shall be fixed by this Board. 38 lb. of powder had been lent by said town for public use, and to be considered. *Order given, delivered Esq. Moseley.*

Voted, That an order of £400 be drawn in favor of Job Winslow, to be accounted for on his bill for building the row-galley Crane at E. Haddam &c. *Order given, delivered said Winslow.*

Dismissed.

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[44] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. AT HARTFORD, WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE, A.D. 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon^{bl} D. Gov. Griswold.
Col. E. Dyer,
Col. Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Richd Law,
Jed. Elderkin,
Benja. Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Wm. Hillhouse.

On motion &c., voted an order to be drawn on Pay-Table for Capt. Uriah Haydon the sum of £460, to be accounted for on his bill for building the Colony ship, built by him &c, to be settled on his account for said service. *Order given, delivered Cap. Shipman.*

Voted an order to be drawn in favor of James Tilley, in so far payment of his bill for rigging &c. &c. bought by him for the use

of the Colony, the sum of £700, to be settled on his bill or account of such supplies. *Order given, delivered said Tilley.*

Appointed Ebenezer Peck Second Lieutenant and as Lieutenant of Marines under Cap. Cleave for the Whiting galley. *Given under my fist, delivered the captain.*

Appointed Wm. Plymert Master of said galley. *Given, under my fist, delivered the captain.*

Appointed Amos Stanton Second Lieutenant and as Lieutenant of Marines on board the galley Shark, at Norwich.

Appointed Wm. Wilber Master of do.

Allowed and voted, That the marines on board the vessels and galleys finding themselves a gun and cartouch box shall be allowed 6*s.* for the same.

[45] *Ordered,* That four of the Colony Cannon, now in the custody of Colo. Jona. Fitch at N. H. and taken from the Minerva, and a proportion of shot, and about 12 canister shot, be delivered Cap. McCleave for the use of the galley Whiting. *Order given, delivered said McCleave.*

And that Cap. McCleave receive also lb. 25 powder of Col. Fitch. *Order given, delivered said McCleave.*

Voted, That the residue of the Colony cannon at N. Haven be placed for the present in the fort at Black Rock, in the care of Cap. Thompson; and the two at said town without carriages be mounted, and that Cap. Thompson take care to have it done in a prudent, reasonable manner. *Order given accordingly, delivered said Thompson.*

Voted, That Cap. Thompson be enabled to build a cheap barrack near Black Rock, for the use of the company there, employing his own men to do the labour, and to expend for timber, board and nails &c. not exceeding twenty-five pounds. *Order given accordingly.*

Allowed an account of Cap. Thompson for many sundries of timber, plank, rum &c. &c., for and about building the fort &c., to amount of £74 10 8. *Order given, delivered said T.*

And also voted an order in favor of said Cap. Jos. Thompson for £200, on account of his pay and billeting for his company, to be accounted for on settlement of said accounts. *Order given, delivered said Thompson.*

And also voted an order for Mr. James Rice for £200, to be accounted for on settlement of his accounts, for sundry services about the galley &c. &c. *Order given.*

And dismissed.

[46] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &c. HARTFORD JUNE 20, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor.
E. Dyer, Esqr. (*At the last.*)
Jz. Huntington, Esq.
W. Williams.
Richd Law, Esq.
Titus Hosmer, Esq.
B. Huntington.
Jed. Elderkin, Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That six tons of 9 pound shot be cast at the furnace at Salisbury.

That 2½ tons of one and one and a half lb. shot, sorted to the swivels, be also cast.

That the pigs cast there lie undisposed for the present.

Ordered, That Cap. Tinker of the Crane galley proceed directly to New London.

Settled the account of Col. Sears, having before allowed, as p. 35 [403] £776 3 6, which being a partial account, the remainder being £197 14 6, is now allowed and ordered to be drawn for, his whole account being £1298 10 8, York money, equal to £973 18, L. M., the rest being in L. M. £197 14 6, as above, now allowed and an order drawn.

An account of Colo. Jona. Fitch, for sundry purchases for stores &c. for the brig Defence, had been laid and referred to a sub-committee and examined, amounting to £640 5 11

He having before received of the Treasurer, 500 0 0

The balance is now allowed and ordered to be drawn for, *viz.* 141 5 11

Order drawn and is delivered said Fitch at Hartford.

Dismissed.

[49] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR &C. AT HARTFORD, 21 JUNE, '76.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hon. D. Governor.
Col. Dyer.
Col. Huntington.
Wm. Williams, and
R. Law, Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That order be drawn on Col. Pitkin's powder-mill for 200 lb. powder, in favor of selectmen of , they to account with the Governor and Council, for Colony use, at such price as said Governor and Council shall affix. *And order given.*

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[47] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY AT LEBANON, WEDNESDAY THE 26 OF JUNE, A.D. 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Elip^{t} Dyer, Esqr.
Jz. Huntington, Esqr.
Wm. Williams,
Col. Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Benja. Huntington, Esqr.
Nath^{ll} Wales, Esqr.

Convened by his Honor's order, to advise and assist him about filling up and supplying many vacancies in the new ordered regiments which have fallen &c.

Mr. Skinner came in p. m. with a letter from Capt. Harding &c., and by order drew on the Pay-Table for a customary allowance for his going express from Hartford to Boston and returning *via* Lebanon.

And many things to do and consider about many officers &c., and sundry supplied &c. not entered here, as they belong to the Governor &c.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, 27TH, MET AGAIN &c.

Present: The same as yesterday.

Lt. Col. Johnson here for many directions &c.

Lt. Col. Danielson, to resign his appointment.

And Cap. Jas. Stedman appointed Captain instead of Cap. Ripley promoted &c.

And many others coming in for directions, and with requests, motions &c.

P. M.

[48] *Voted*, That Cap. Tinker of the Crane galley be impowered to receive so much the stores of pork, beef and peas, and any other provisions, lying at Saybrook in the care of Cap. Dickinson, belonging to this Colony, taken out of the brig Minerva, as he shall need for the use of said galley, and all the bread, and 1 bb. rum; and Cap. E. Bill is directed to order and see the same delivered accordingly, taking his receipt therefor and the same transmit to his Honor the Governor.

Voted, That said Cap. Tinker may receive two of the nine pounders of the continental cannon at N. London, for the use of his galley; and Mr. Shaw is directed to deliver the same accordingly.

And Calvin Ely is appointed Master of said row-galley, and Elias Lay Second Lieutenant.

That a drummer and fifer be allowed the same wages as in the land service.

That Cap. Tinker purchase and provide a drum for the use of said galley, to be by him kept and secured for the use of the Colony. *And copies of the above given him.*

Letter prepared for Gen. Schuyler &c., to go by post tomorrow morning.

Voted, That all the cannon-powder made at Messrs. Elderkin & Wales's mill be forthwith sent and delivered to the care of Col. Jz. Huntington, taking his receipt therefor.

And many matters considered &c., and dismissed near night.

[1] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety at Lebanon, Tuesday, 2d July, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
Nath^ll Wales,
Wm. Hilhouse,
Benja. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Considered the price at which gun-powder at our mills should be sold when disposed of &c., and allowed and voted that for the present the price be fixed at five shillings and four pence.

One Maj. Griswold and Capt. Marsh are present, a committee from Lebanon, Hartford &c., 12 towns in the Cohoss so called, pressing for powder &c, under their apprehentions from Canada &c.

Voted, That they be allowed to receive and purchase at Elderkin & Wales's mill eight hundred pounds of gun-powder, at the rate of 5*s.* 4*d.* per pound, as agreed on, for cash or good security, payable in a short time. *Order given.*

And that they may receive at the furnace at Middletown one thousand pounds of lead, at the price of 6*d.*, as below.

And voted, That the price of lead for the present be 6*d.* the pound. *And orders given accordingly. Delivered said Griswold and Marsh.*

On application from Blanford &c: Voted, that Mr. Sam^ll Dunn, applying in behalf of said town, may be supplied by Col. Pitkin at his mill at Hartford with sixty-seven pounds of gun-powder; he, said Dunn, paying for the same at the rate of 5*s.* 4*d.* per pound. Said Pitkins to receive and account for the same. *Order given, delivered said Dunn.*

Capt. Jona. Lester's account for building the row-galley Shark, amounting to £861 16 6½ in whole, having been inspected and examined by a sub-committee at Hartford, is now allowed. He had received by orders from this Board £100 and £300, and £4 of B. H. Esq. The balance being £455 5 11½ is ordered now to be drawn for. *And order given, delivered said Lester.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor of

Cap. Jona. Lester for the sum of £50, as so much advance pay for him and a company of 25 carpenters, now raising under him, at the request of Gen Schuyler, to be employed at or about Crown Point, in building batteries &c. &c. To be refunded by said general on behalf of the Congress. *Order given.*

[2] *Voted,* That a quantity of lead belonging to Jonathan Kilburn, Esqr, of Colchester, by him made use of on the water-wheel of his saw-mill, shall not be taken from him for the use of the publick until actually wanted, and then to be taken by the selectmen without further orders. *Order given accordingly.*

Voted, That five hundred pounds of gun-powder be delivered and ordered for the use of the town of Fairfield on their request, to be received of Mr. N. Shaw at N. London, and to be by them accounted for to the Governor and Company of the Colony. *Order given, delivered Capt. Elip^{t} Thorp, present.*

Voted, That the owners of the privateer sloop Broome be authorized to receive of Mr. Nath^{ll} Shaw jun^{r} a quantity of powder, not exceeding five hundred pounds, for the use of said privateer, to be principally in cannon powder; and said Shaw to receive the pay at the delivery for the use of the Colony, at the rate of five shillings and four pence per pound. *Order given, delivered Capt. Elip^{t} Thorp.*

Voted, That Lt. Col. Sam^{ll} Mott be appointed Colonel of the first battalion raising for the northern service, in the room of Col. Jno. Douglass resigned.

Voted, That Maj^{r} Oliver Smith be Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment at N. London, instead of Col. Mott promoted. That Cap. Jno. Ely be Major of said regiment in the room of Lt. Col. Smith promoted.

Voted, That Maj^{r} Giles Russell of Col. Selden's be Lieutenant-Colonel of Col. Sage's regiment, instead of Lt. Col. Danielson resigned.

Voted. That Cap. Edward Mott be appointed Major of Col. Gay's regiment in the room of Maj^{r} Gallup resigned.

Voted, That Capt. Waterman Cleft be Major of Col. Selden's regiment, in the room of Major Russell promoted to be lieutenant-colonel of said regiment.

A Resolve for ordering three Regiments of Horse &c.

This Board taking into consideration the contents of a letter from his Excellency Genl Washington of the 28th of June last, laid before them by his Honor the Governor, informing of his having certain advice that a fleet of 130 sail left Halifax the 9th ult.

bound for New York, and that Gen[l] Howe was then already arrived at the Hook; and pressing in the most earnest manner, [3] that not one moment's time may be ‖ lost in sending forward the militia of this Colony &c.: And considering also the contents of several letters very lately received from the Hon[ble] President of the Continental Congress, urging the same thing in strong and pressing terms: Considering also, that the several battalions of militia ordered by the last General Assembly to be raised for the relief and support of the army at New York by inevitable difficulties of preparation are not, and it is feared cannot be, ready so as to arrive at New York seasonably for the expected attack of the enemy, and should that be the case the event may prove fatal to the cause of American liberty, which this continent have so long struggled with great zeal and expence to support and defend. In this critical situation no efforts can be too great, and nothing should be unattempted which may tend to strengthen and serve a cause on which the all of America depends:

It is, therefore, resolved and ordered by this Board, That the three regiments of light horse, lately established and on the west side of Connecticut River, be and they are hereby ordered and directed forthwith to set forward and march to New York, well equipped and furnished for the assistance and succour of the army there, and to be under the command of the commander-in-chief in that department, to remain till such time as the battalions ordered by the General Assembly for that service shall arrive, and no longer than the general shall judge necessary and they can be orderly dismissed.

And as an encouragement for their ready exertion and services, the said troops may expect such reasonable pay, wages and allowance, as the Hono. Continental Congress or the General Assembly in their wisdom and justice shall appoint and allow; and they need not fear but the same will be just and satisfactory.

And it is further resolved and ordered, That the sum of one thousand pounds be advanced out of the public treasury, to assist them in their march, and to be accounted for on settlement of their payrolls; and that the same be put into the hands of Lt. Col. Seymour, to be properly distributed for that purpose.

And it is further voted and resolved, That Lt. Col. Tho. Seymour, chief officer of said regiment of light horse, in the absence of Col. Silliman, be and he is hereby ordered and directed to transmit necessary orders for the purposes hereof to the several majors of

said regiments and other proper officers, and to use his utmost efforts in conjunction with them, to hasten the preparation and march of said troops, and to lead and conduct them, under their other proper officers, in and for the service aforesaid.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

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[4] WEDNESDAY, 3D JULY, 1776. GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL MET.

Present: the same as yesterday.

Many things considered &c. and persons coming in.

Voted an order of one thousand pounds on the Pay-Table in favor of Col. T. Seymour, to be divided and improved to assist the march of the regiments of horse ordered to N. York, (as yesterday.) *And order drawn and sent.*

Letters prepared and sent to Gen[l] Schuyler, in answer to his requesting carpenters &c.

Letters and orders to Col. Seymour, relating to the regiments of horse and necessary directions &c. *Sent by Gen. Schuyler's post.*

Letter to Gen[l] Washington, informing of the measure of sending the troops of horse.

To Col. Silliman, Commissary Trumbull &c.

Letters of Marque &c. prepared for Capt. Thorp, present, part owner of the privateer Broome.

An account of Eb[r] Ledyard, Esq[r], and Mr. Park Avery, a committee who built the fort at Groton, laid in, examined and adjusted, and allowed thereon the sum of £265 7 9 in discharge thereof, and voted that an order be drawn for that sum. *An order is drawn, and delivered Mr. Ledyard.*

On application by Capt. Geo. Eliot of Killingworth: Voted, that 150 pounds of powder be delivered the selectmen of Killingworth, by Mr. N. Shaw, they paying him for the use of the Colony at the rate of 5*s.* 4*d.* per pound, and said Shaw to account with the Colony therefor. *Order given, delivered Cap. Geo. Eliot.*

Voted, on application by Lt. Jno. Mills commander of the party stationed at Black Rock Fort at Fairfield, for and on account of billeting, premium for guns, blankets &c., first month's pay and wages of his said party, *viz:* that an order be drawn on the Pay-Table, on the above account, for the sum of two hundred pounds, to be accounted for on settlement of the pay-roll of said company or party. *And order drawn, delivered said Lt. Mills.*

[5] *Ordered*, That Col. Jz. Huntington send to Mr. N. Shaw of N. London one ton of the cannon-powder lately ordered to his care rom Elderkin & Wales's powder-mill. *He present, and received it erbally, &c.*

Oliver Coit is appointed Captain of a company at N. London, in he room of Edw[d] Mott promoted.

William Latham, First Lieutenant, in room of said O. Coit.

William Whitney, Second Lieutenant of said company, in room f said Latham.

Serj. John James Ensign of said company, in room of said Whitney. *Copy given.*

Appointed Lt. Martin Kirtland Captain of a company at N. London station, in the room of Cap. Jno. Ely promoted.

2d Lt. Dan Platts First Lieutenant of said company, in the oom of said Kirtland.

Ens. Adriel Ely Second Lieutenant of said company, in room of aid Platts.

Serj. Dan[l] Kirtland Ensign of said company, in room of said Adriel Ely promoted. *Copy given.*

Appointed Adam Shapley Captain of a company at N. London, n the room of Col. Saltonstall who hath resigned as captain of the ame.

Jno. Hempstead jun[r] First Lieutenant of said company, in room f said Shapley promoted.

Richard Chapman Second Lieutenant of said company, in said Hempstead's room.

Nath[ll] Richards Ensign of said company, in room of said Chap an promoted. *Copy given.*

Appointed Nathan Palmer Captain of the company at Stoning n in N. London station, in the room of Lt. Colo. Smith pro- oted.

John Belcher First Lieutenant, in the room of said Palmer romoted.

Clement Miner Second Lieutenant of said company, in room of aid Belcher promoted.

And Moses Palmer the 2d, Ensign of said company in the room said C. Miner promoted. *Copy given.*

Appointed Wm. Ledyard a Captain of a company of matrosses be raised at Groton and N. London, to serve in the forts there. *Copy given.*

And appointed Nath[l] Saltonstall a Captain of another company of matrosses, to be raised at said places for the purposes aforesaid. *Copy given. See p. 16* [475] *about officers.*

[6] Col. Sam[l] Mott laid in his account for reconnoitring the harbours of N. London and Stonington &c. and the fortifications, places for fortifying, in surveying and planning, in attending the works &c., 105 days or 3½ months at £12 £42 0

14 weeks board and horse keeping, at 15*s.* 10 10

Deducting £4 16 0 by him for charges after he was in another commission, remainder, being £48 14 0, and order given. *Delivered said Mott 4th inst.*

Resolved and ordered, That the commanding officer at New London remove such number of the cannon from the old fort at New London to Mamacock, at his discretion for the propriety, time and security of the same. *Copy given.*

Voted and ordered, That Mr. N. Shaw deliver to the commanding officer at New London or to Col. Smith for the use of the fort at Stonington five hundred pounds of cannon-powder, taking proper receipt therefor. *Order given, delivered Col. Smith.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor of Cap. Sam[ll] Mather for the sum of three hundred and thirty pounds, in so far payment of the pay allowance and wages &c. of his company at New London, and to be accounted for on settlement of his pay-roll. *Order given, delivered said Capt. Mather.*

Resolved and ordered, That the committees of inspection for New London and Groton do forthwith remove the horned cattle, sheep and swine from Fishers Island to the main, leaving necessary working oxen, cows, sheep and swine, for the use of the families there at their discretion; that they cause them to be apprized by indifferent judicious men, under oath, at their present just value in money; that the amount of such apprizement be paid out of the Colony treasury to the owner or owners of such stock; and that said committee sell and dispose of said stock at a reasonable price in behalf of the Colony, rendering their account of such sales and how they shall execute this order, to his Honor the Governor, as soon as may be; and also advising Colo. Champion, deputy commissary, when they remove such stock, that he may purchase such part of the same as may be fit and proper for the use of the army. *Copy given, sent by Col. Smith.*

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY 4TH JULY, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: The same as yesterday and 3d.

Governor received letters last night from Gen. Schuyler and Mr. Trumbull &c.

Cap. Herrick is here from the frontier towns, who are under great fears and distress, and soliciting relief. The matter discoursed &c., and seems thought proper, to write to Gen[l] Washington on the subject, moving to have a continental regiment raised thereabouts &c., and suggesting the advantage of an established militia there &c. &c. A letter is prepared by Mr. Hosmer.

Col. Jos. Marsh (late Cap. Marsh of this town,*) now of Hartford on the frontiers, member of the York Congress, came in, from N. York, gave large account of the conduct of affairs there &c. &c.

Cap. Theo. Stanton, of the galley Shark, exhibited his account of many sundrys for and about said galley, of £95 9 6, and Tilley's bill for rigging &c. £34 2 2, total £129 11 8, and is allowed, and ordered that said sum be drawn for. *Order given.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for Capt. Theo. Stanton for £100, to be by him improved in purchasing provisions and necessaries for the galley, and render his account thereof. *Order given, delivered said Stanton.*

Voted, That six barrels of Monserat sulphur ore, now in the hands of Mr. Thos. Mumford, on account of the General Congress, may properly be delivered to and for the use of Messrs. Elderkin & Wales's powder-mill: they accounting therefor to said Congress. *Copy given.*

Whereas this Board are informed that vessels loaded with provisions frequently pass down the Sound, to go out to sea, and in this critical time when the coasts are lined with ships of our enemies, who are in great need of our provisions, and without which they cannot carry on their hostile designs against us, and very many of our provision vessels having already fallen into their

* *I. e.* of Lebanon. There is a biographical sketch of him, with portrait, in *Governor and Council of Vermont,* vol. i, 235. He represented the county of Cumberland under the jurisdiction of N. Y., nearly the same territory as Windsor and Windham counties, Vermont.

The letter referred to in the preceding paragraph of the text may be found in Sparks' *Letters to Washington,* i, 253.

hands, and much of their support having been received and derived that way, and the danger at this time of their being taken being greater than ever,

It is therefore resolved and ordered, That Cap. Niles of the Colony's armed schooner Spy, now lying in the harbour of New London, or the commander of any other armed vessel belonging to this Colony, be and they are hereby directed, to seize and bring into port any such provision vessel or vessels which he or they may be able to discover and take, in or about said harbour, offing or sound, bound to sea, and the same hold and detain, and make report of the circumstances, cargo, and destination of such vessel or vessels, the master's name, place of abode, owners names, the licence by which they have sailed &c., to his Honor the Governor, and take his directions relative to the proceeding or further detention of such vessel.

Provided nevertheless, That if any such vessel so taken shall appear to be furnished with papers, clearances or authority from the Hono. Continental Congress, allowing such vessel to proceed to the port of her destination, such vessel is not to be hindered or detained by said captain or commander: anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding. *Copy given.*

[8] **Orders for Cap. Stanton.**

Resolved and ordered, That Cap. Theo. Stanton, of the Colony row-galley Shark, shall and may from time to time have and receive a supply of salted beef and pork, and bread and stores sufficient for the support of the officers, sailors and marines in the service of this Colony on board said galley, of Capt. Jno. Deshon, who is directed to deliver the same; and that he, said Stanton, provide all other necessaries for their supply; and that he take order that the same be dealt out to them prudently and carefully, without spoil or waste, with such fresh fish &c. as they take; and that he keep a just and exact account of the purchase and expenditure of such provisions and the same render to his Honor the Governor at the end of two months, for his consideration and further orders in the premises.

Further resolved and ordered, That the said Stanton do from time to time apply to and receive of Mr. Nath[ll] Shaw at New London all such powder, shot and military stores as said Shaw shall judge necessary for said galley.

Further resolved and ordered, That said Stanton with said galley do for the present and until further orders make the harbour of Stonington his general place of rendezvous, and that he cruize from thence thro' Fishers Island Sound as far westward as New London Harbour and east and south of Fishers Island when opportunity presents that he may do it with prudence, and that he observe and obey such signals as Cap. Harding in the Colony brig Defence and Cap. Niles in the armed schooner the Spy, or other his superior officer from time to time shall appoint and make to him. *Copy given, sent by Mr. B. Huntington.*

Allowed an account of Sam^{ll} Wheat of Norwich, *viz.* To paid Daniel Latimer &c. to carting 4 guns and 1 load of carriages to Norwich for the use of the schooner Spy, £3 18 0. And order to be drawn accordingly. *Is done.*

And adjourned till tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip^{t} Dyer, Jz. Huntington, Wm. Williams, Titus Hosmer, Jed. Elderkin, Nath^{ll} Wales,	Esq^{rs}.	N. B. *Mr. B. Huntington and Mr. Hilhouse went home last night.*

Governor Franklin, of New Jersey, was bro't hither last evening, having been taken up by the Convention of his Province, as a virulent enemy to the United Colonies, and to be confined in such place and manner as the Continental Congress shall direct, and [9] they have directed him to be sent to Governor Trumbull, ‖ with the following resolves, *viz:*

In Congress June 24, 1776.

Whereas the Convention of New Jersey has declared Wm. Franklin, Esq, a virulent enemy to this country and a person that may prove dangerous, and that the said Wm. Franklin be confined in such place and manner as the Continental Congress shall direct,

Resolved, That Wm. Franklin, Esq, be sent under guard to Governor Trumbull, who is desired to take his parole; and if Mr. Wm. Franklin refuse to give his parole, that Gov. Trumbull be desired to treat him agreeable to the resolutions of Congress respecting prisoners.

Letter and resolve bro't in last evening by Thos. Kenny, Esq. officer of the guard of escort.

And this morning he applied for directions, and a parole was prepared, and said F. moved by letter for alteration and liberty to return on his parole &c., and answer made &c. in writing &c, took up most of the forenoon.

The subject of answering, and manner how, of many letters from Congress &c. considered and good deal discoursed &c.

Finding he could not be returned to Jersey &c., moved by the officer to have leave to go to Stratford, and was told by do. he might go to Wallingford.

Message was returned in writing &c., that Gov. Trumbull might do as he pleased with him &c.

Col. D. and Col. W. waited on him by desire &c., and finally he consented to go there and signed his parole accordingly.

Mr. Job Winslow, builder of the galley Crane, laid in his account and bill, and the same was examined, adjusted and allowed, being in the whole £1013 6 10; he having received by two drafts £700, the balance being £313 6 10, is ordered to be drawn for. And order given accordingly. *Delivered said Winslow.*

Letters partly prepared for Congress *de* many weighty matters &c.

And adjourned till tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, 6TH JULY, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present, as yesterday: His Honor the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
Nathl Wales,
} Esq^rs.

[10] Congress letters received and consideration about an answer &c.

Colo. Mott came in, moving about his affairs &c.

Cap. Niles moving for instructions &c., on consideration voted the following instructions:

To Cap. Robert Niles, of the Colony armed schooner Spy, Greeting: You are hereby instructed carefully and diligently to attend the

duty of your station and department. to keep a careful watch and look-out for any and every hostile ship or vessel which may be hovering about our coasts, take any that you can, give every signal and intelligence of and concerning them in your power and for the advantage of the trade and friends of the country. You are also to take care and prevent, as far as lies in your power, any smuggling trade and clandestine management contrary to the laws and embargo of this Colony and any prohibitions of the Hono. Continental Congress, for which and every faithful exertion for the good of the Colonies and the support of the laws, this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given &c. *Signed by the Governor, and copy delivered Cap. Niles.*

Instructions to Dr. Jno Ely, to visit the army at the northward, infected with small pox &c. *viz:*

By the Governor and Council of Safety for the Colony of Connecticut:

Whereas two battalions are raising in this Colony to reinforce the northern army in pursuance of the recommendation of the Continental Congress and as very few of the people of this Colony have passed thro' the small [pox] now prevalent in that army, recruiting for that service is likely to be greatly [*hindered.*] as there is a high probability of that infectious distemper's spreading among the new troops as fast as they arrive, which more effectually retards the entering into the service than any other prospect of danger or fear of the enemy:

This Board are of opinion, therefore, that it is highly proper to remove that impediment as far and as soon as possible, and do, therefore, as an expedient for that purpose. appoint, impower and direct, Maj^r John Ely, physician and surgeon and a gentleman who has had great experience in that disease, to repair forthwith to the army in the northern department. wait on the general and proper officers, find and learn the true state of said army with respect to [11] that infectious sickness, ‖ advise and consult with the general &c. concerning the most proper methods to cleanse and remove said infection from the army and prevent the further spreading thereof, if it shall be found practicable and expedient, and afford his best advice and assistance for those purposes. and in general of whatever may contribute to the health of said army, as far as may be proper and suitable in his character. with the allowance and approbation of the general. And he. said Doctor Ely, is hereby recommended to the said general in the character and for the purposes aforesaid. And the said doctor is to transmit an account and report of his proceedings to his Honor the Governor, and of the circumstances of said army relating to the premises as soon as may be, and from time to time until he shall return.

De Powder for Westmoreland.

On application of Col. Dyer &c.: Voted, that the selectmen of Westmoreland may receive at Messrs. Elderkin & Wales's mill not exceeding two hundred pounds of gun powder: they to account to the Colony therefor at the price of 5*s.* 4*d.* ℔ lb., or in such manner as shall be ordered by this Board or the General Assembly, giving their receipt accordingly. *Copy given, delivered Col. Dyer.*

And about 10 o'clock adjourned to Tuesday next.

TUESDAY JULY 9TH, 1776, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

	Elip[t] Dyer,	Esq[rs].
	Jz. Huntington,	
	Wm. Williams,.	
P.M.	Rich[d] Law,	
	Jed. Elderkin,	
	Benja. Huntington,	
	Wm. Hilhouse,	
	Nath[l] Wales,	

The Governor laid before us many things done since last meeting.

Col. Mott, present, laid in a paper &c. amounting to a declining or resignation of his colonelcy of the northern regiment in the room of Col. Douglass &c.

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be desired to settle and adjust and pay Capt. Edward Mott's account and pay-roll of his company raised by resolve of this Board, according to the regulations thereof, which may appear by the orders he has for that purpose, and according to any rule of the General Assembly. He having received £250, to be accounted for in said settlement.

[12] *Voted,* That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for Jesse Brown, the Governor's post-rider to the northward, for the sum of ten pounds, toward his expences of riding &c., to be accounted for on settlement of his account for said service. *Order drawn and delivered said Brown.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table for Maj[r] Jno. Ely for the sum of sixty pounds, to be improved toward payment of his company wages and billeting and to be

accounted for on settlement of his account. *Order drawn and delivered said Ely.*

On motion by Dr. Ely, allowed that he may carry with him to the northern army where he is going by order &c., to take care about the small pox &c., *viz.* one Peter Granger, a French neutral much used with him to nurse the small pox &c., to be improved for such purposes as he shall find necessary and convenient.

Cap. Nat[l]. Saltonstall, of a company of matrosses, is here, and much to be done about regulating the company &c., and is considered.

And voted, That said companies consist of forty men each, exclusive of officers; that there be one captain and three lieutenants for each; that there be eight gunners to each company; that their pay be forty-four shillings per month.

Voted, That Capt. Niles be allowed one and a half *per cent.* on his purchases and payments of his crew &c. on board the schooner Spy.

Col. Wolcott was present this day and many persons on various applications, which took up a good deal of time. Col. Mott also, and much to do about settling the affair of his going in his command to the northward, he having almost resigned &c. &c. but finally accepted.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present, as yesterday, His Honor,
Col. E. Dyer, (*before noon.*)
Col. Jz. Huntington.
Wm. Williams.
Rich[d] Law.
Titus Hosmer, *not present before.*
And the rest as yesterday.

[13] Col. Ward was present, a good deal to say about his affairs, and orders to receive, given, and many things to converse about with him &c. Stay'd till noon.

Jona. Chester of Groton, owner of the land where the fort is built at Groton, is here, pressing about an allowance for land taken up by said fort, and damages done him &c, and finally came to the following agreement, *viz:*

Whereas Governor Trumbull and Committee of Safety, agreeable to directions from the General Assembly, have ordered a fort to be erected in the town of Groton on land belonging to Capt. Jona. Chester, and said Chester having applied to this Board for pay for the land so used, and as the value of said land is not known to this Board, and said Chester offering to submit the apprizal of the same to indifferent men mutually chosen to say what sum the Colony shall give for what land they have already taken or shall have occasion to take for the use of said fort, with the damages done to his other lands not so taken,

It is now agreed between Governor Trumbull and the Committee of Safety on one part, and the said Jona. Chester of Groton on the [other] part, That Luke Perkins of Groton, Wm. Witter of Preston, and Wm. Manwaring of N. London, Esq^rs, shall apprize the land that is already taken up or shall necessarily be wanted for the use of said fort, and the said damages; and thereupon said Chester doth hereby agree, and oblige himself to give a proper deed of conveyance of the land so apprized to the Colony and a discharge of the damages done; upon which the said Chester shall receive an order on the Treasury for his money, according to apprizal.

And said Chester doth hereby acknowledge the receipt of ten pounds, lawful money, in part of payment therefor.

Dated this 10th day of July, A.D. 1776.

JONAT. CHESTER.

Signed in behalf of said Governor and Committee of Safety,
per WM. WILLIAMS, Cler.

Original delivered to Mr. Law and Hillhouse.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for said Chester for the sum of said £10, to be accounted for on settlement of his account; and order drawn accordingly.

Pay-Master for Col. Ward's Regiment.

This Board do appoint Mr. Royal Flint of Windham to be Pay-Master of Colo. Ward's regiment.

Voted, That Richard Law and William Hilhouse, Esq^rs, either or both of them, be a committee to apply to and procure the gentlemen agreed on by the Governor and Committee of Safety and by Cap. Jona. Chester of Groton, to apprize the value of the lands taken up, used and wanted for the forts and works of defence built on his land at said Groton, *i. e.* to move them to proceed to the place and attend on said business according to the agreement made [14] this day between said ‖ parties, and to lay the matters before said apprizers and appear in behalf of and represent the Colony in said apprizement; that they apply to the colonel of the regiment

at N. London and the engineers for their advice and directions, as to the quantity of land wanted for the use of said fort and its necessary accommodation, which is to be the quantity apprized and purchased. And said committee are to take a good authentic deed, well executed, of the same to the Governor and Company, giving their receipt therefor and engaging said Chester an order of said Governor and Committee of Safety for the sum at which the same shall be apprized, deducting £10, which he has already received; and make report of their doings to this Board.

Cap. Tinker of the galley Crane, present, applies for directions about many things, and thereupon

Voted and resolved, That Capt. Tinker of the galley Crane take two three-pounders at the old fort at N. London for said galley, to be delivered him by the keeper thereof; that he receive eight swivel guns, as soon as they can be obtained; that he receive ten muskets, to be delivered him by Col. Williams he procured, (*viz.* of Jona. Goodwin;) that he receive of Mr. N. Shaw jun^r such powder, ball and military stores as he, said Shaw, shall judge necessary; that he receive from time to time a supply of salted beef, pork. bread, flour, sufficient for the support of the officers, sailors and marines on board said galley, of Cap. Jno. Deshon, who is directed to deliver the same; and that he, said Tinker, provide all other necessary provision for them, and take order that the same be dealt out prudently, without spoil or waste, with such fresh fish as they may take; and that he keep a just and true account of the purchase and expenditure of such provisions and the same render to his Honor the Governor at the end of two months for his consideration and further orders in the premises.

And, that the place of his general rendezvous be for the present at N. London, and to cruize from Stonington to the mouth of Connecticut River and southward as far as Montauk Point, with proper precaution and prudence.

That he, his officers and men, and all others in sea service, be under the rules and laws of the Continental fleet as far [as] they are applicable, and until more particular or further rules can be made.

[15] Cap. McCleave of the galley Whiting also applies for directions &c., and

Voted and resolved, That Capt McCleave may receive of Capt. Jno. Deshon such supplies of salted beef, pork, bread and flour,

sufficient for the support of the officers, sailors and men on board his galley, who is directed to deliver the same; and that said McCleave provide all other necessary provision for them, and take care that the same be dealt out prudently without spoil or waste, with such fresh fish as they may take; and that he keep a just and true account of the purchases and expenditure of such provisions, and the same render to his Honor the Governor at the end of two months, for his consideration and further orders in the premises; that he receive necessary powder, ball and military stores of Mr. N. Shaw jun^r, at his, said Shaw's, discretion, and that he shall receive eight swivels as soon as they can be obtained; that he may receive five musquets of Capt. Mott or the proper officer of his late company, he having reported that he had a surplus in his hands, (having received 15 before.)

That he rendezvous for the present at New London, and to cruize from Stonington to New Haven, and southward as far as Montauk Point, with proper prudence and caution.

That he, his officers and men, and all others in the sea service, be under the rules and laws of the Continental fleet as far as they are applicable, and until more particular or further rules can be made.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Committee of Pay-Table in favor of Cap. Robert Niles of the schooner Spy, for the sum of £477 6 9, the balance of said schooner's accounts to the 8th of June, (he having received £400,) and also for £200 more for the use of said schooner from that time forward, and to render his account.

Mr. Nathaniel Shaw jun^r of N. London is appointed Agent for the Colony, for the purpose of naval supplies and for taking care of such sick seamen as may be sent on shore to his care. *Copy given, sent by Cap. Harding.*

Voted, That letters be sent to the purchasers of pork by order of Assembly, soon as possible inform the Governor of what they have obtained, at what price and where stored. *And wrote accordingly.*

Ordered, That Col. Jz. Huntington send what cannon-powder he has received from Col. Elderkin & Wales to Mr. Shaw, taking his receipt.

[16] *Voted*, That orders be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Capts. McCleave and Tinker for the sum of one hundred pounds each, to be improved to purchase necessaries for the use of their

crews, and to render their account thereof. *And orders given on paper, delivered them, present.*

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY JULY 11TH, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

As yesterday.

Elip[t] Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Rich[d] Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
Benja. Huntington,
Nath[l] Wales,
Wm. Hilhouse,
} Esq[rs].

Voted, That twenty-five arms, bayonets &c., which had been fixed up by Mr. David Trumbull, of barrels bro't from Crown Point &c., now in the hands of Jno. Leffingwell, be delivered to Capt. Joshua Huntington for the use of his company, to be returned for the use of the Colony. *Order given, delivered Col. Huntington.*

On recommendation of the captains, appointed William Latham jun[r] Captain-Lieutenant of Cap. Ledyard's company of artillery or matrosses, Jonathan Leeds to be Lieutenant of do., and Achus Sheffield to be Second Lieutenant of do. *Commission.*

And for Capt. Saltonstall's company:

Nathaniel Coit jun[r], Captain-Lieutenant. *Commission given.*

Daniel Starr to be Lieutenant. *Commission given.*

Samuel Champlin jun[r] Second Lieutenant. *Commission given.*

Commissions for the captains and Lt. Latham filled and sent by Maj. Mott.

Capt. Coit came in, moving for an appointment.

Congress Declaration of Independency received in letter from Col. Trumbull to me.*

Col. Oliver Wolcott having lately returned home from the Continental Congress, by reason of ill health, and it is the opinion of this Board that it is of importance that the Colony should have a full representation at Congress, and that it is also the opinion of

* William Williams. The letter was from Joseph Trumbull.

the Assembly that their full number of Delegates should be present &c., and by a letter from Col. Wolcott, expressing also his desire that another member should attend &c.: This Board having at [17] turns discoursed on ‖ the subject at several days and times, do conclude and advise that William Williams, Esq., do as soon as may be repair to and attend said Congress, as one of the Delegates appointed by the General Assembly, Mr. Hosmer and he having discoursed, and partly agreed, on which should attend &c.*

The matter of appointing officers for the Colony ship building at Saybrook taken up and discoursed of largely, and of persons for the offices.

Question was put, whether we will at this time proceed to appoint a captain and two lieutenants for said ship, and resolved in the affirmative.

And on further consideration, and the question being put,

William Coit is appointed Captain of said ship.

Timothy Parker is appointed First Lieutenant of said ship, and

David Hawley is appointed Second Lieutenant of said ship.

Voted, That the date of the above officers' commissions be referred to the further consideration of this Board, and their pay to commence from the date of the same.

That letters be wrote informing said Hawley of said appointment; the others being near &c.

Cap. Coit (in town) was called in, and the Governor gave him advice, instruction and admonition as to his conduct &c.

Adjourned till to morrow morning.

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* Oliver Wolcott charged for his attendance in Congress from Jan. 4 to July 4, 1776, inclusive, 182 days; and from Sept. 24, 1776, to May 12, 1777, inclusive, 231 days. *Rev. War*, xxxiii, 237. These dates must be taken as those, respectively, on which he set out from and returned home, for the Journals of Congress as well as a letter of Silas Deane, *Conn Hist. Society's Collections*, ii, 349, shew that he did not take his seat in Congress until Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1776. In a letter to his brother in law, Deputy Governor Griswold, dated New York, 1 July, 1776, Oliver Wolcott writes, "I am on my way home for the recovery of my health and to see my family, for three weeks past have been much unwell, owing I suppose to a too long confined way of living."

William Williams was in Hartford Monday, July 22, 1776, on his way to Philadelphia. *Rev. War*, vi, 288. He charged for attending Congress from July 22 to Nov. 21, 1776, 123 days. *Rev. War*, xxxiii, 211. On the last named day he attended a meeting of the Council of Safety at Hartford. So that in his case also the dates are those of his departure from and return home. *Mass. Hist. Soc. Proceedings*, 2d series, iii, 373.

FRIDAY 12TH JULY, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Elip[t] Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Rich[d] Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
Benja. Huntington,
Wm. Hilhouse,
Nath[l] Wales,
} Esq[rs].

A letter from Col. W. Pitkin, expressing his great apprehentions of danger of his powder-mill's being destroyed by enemies, having been much threatning about them &c. from prisoners &c., which occasioned much consultation about guarding or securing them, and how &c.

And voted, after much discourse, That guards be allowed at Col. Pitkin's, and also at Col. Elderkin & Wales' powder-mills, and that the respective owners be allowed four shillings per night for each night they shall keep such guard, until this Board shall take other or further order concerning them. *Copies given.*

[18] Letters from the Congress, of 6th inst., came in, (by express,) containing information of their late Declaration of Independence and a copy of it, requesting the same to be duly published &c.

Two letters also from Gen[l] Washington of 7 and 9th inst., about the situation of affairs, and advice that Lord Howe with 15000 men are on their passage &c., and about our regiments of horse, much approves the measure, but expressing the difficulties of keeping horses &c. &c. And sundry letters from others.

The matter and manner of publishing the Independency, as recommended by Congress, largely discoursed, and many things given out relative to the matter &c. &c., and concluded to lay it by for the present.

On representation of Dr. Usher of the N. London regiment and letter from Col. Wolcott for that purpose: *Voted,* that he have liberty to purchase and take up medicines for the use of said regiment of Dr. Lothrop or Dr. Dyer, to the amount of ten pounds, for which the Colony will be accountable. And substance of the vote given said Dr. Usher.

Sundry accounts of Wm. Williams, Esq. and Nath. Wales, Esq. examined and settled &c. *viz:* Mr. Wales' account for sundry services, July 177[5], journey and expences to N. Haven &c. by order with W. Williams, to look out an armed vessel; and journey and expences to Philadelphia in Sept. '75, after money &c. Do. and expences to N. London with Col. Dyer, to see about the forts &c, Do. do. to Cambridge in Octo., to meet Committee of Congress &c. &c. In whole, £51 17 3. *Allowed and ordered to be drawn for.*

An account of W. Williams.

June '75.	For sending powder with grain barrels &c. to the army near Boston.	
July	Journey and expences on the sea coasts about armed vessel &c. with Esq. Wales. Cash for many copies. Cash for supporting the Cognowaga Indians in January '76, &c. &c. Total	£18 19 3
Another account of Do. Sept. 1775.		
	Journey and expences to Philadelphia with Esq. Wales by order of Govr and Committee of Safety, for money &c.	29 15 9
Another account of Do.		
March, 1776.	Journey to N. Haven, N. York and Philadelphia on various services with Col. Dyer, bro't 50 *m.* pounds &c., and cash paid more than £20 &c.	41 6 5
		90 1 5

And adjourned to Monday next, the 15th inst.

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[19] At a meeting of the Governor and said Council, Monday 15 July, according to adjournment.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Elip^{t} Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Jed. Elderkin,
Benja. Huntington,
Nathl Wales,
And in afternoon, Titus Hosmer,
} Esq^{rs}.

Cap. Harding came in, having just arrived with his brig from Boston, gave an account of his cruize, taking the ships and brig

&c.,* and his reasons for leaving the post without order &c, is excused and justified for so leaving &c., and wants directions about cleaning, graving and refitting, and about the men who are probably infected with the small pox, and is directed to do the necessaries with the advice &c. of Mr. Shaw, who is Colony Agent for naval supplies, as p. 15 [474] Many things to say to him, and about the prizes bro't in to Boston &c.

Post from Hartford, and Brown, the Albany post, arrived with many letters, from Gen. Schuyler, Mr. Trumbull &c., read and attended to &c.

On representation of the committee of inspection for Symsbury and others, of the dangerous situation of Newgate prison, and especially since a number of tory prisoners are committed there, and the great uneasiness of the people concerning them, and that

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* These were the transport ships Lord Howe and George, and the brig Annabella. The following extract from a letter of Capt. Harding to Gov. Trumbull was published in the *Courant* of June 24th, No. 596. The letter was dated Boston, June 19th, 1776.

"I sailed on Sunday last from Plymouth; soon after we came to sail, I heard a considerable firing to the northward. In the evening I fell in with four arm'd schooners, near the entrance of Boston harbour, who inform'd me they had been engag'd with a ship and brigg, and were obliged to quit them. Soon after I came up into Nantasket Road, where I found the ship and brigg at anchor. I immediately fell in between the two, and came to anchor about 11 o'clock at night. I hail'd the ship, who answer'd *from Great Britain.* I ordered her to strike her colours to America. They answered by asking *What brigg is that?* I told them *the Defence.* I then hail'd him again, and told him I did not want to kill his men, but would have the ship at all events, and again ordered them to strike; upon which the major (since dead) said *yes, I'll strike,* and fired in a broad-side upon me, which I immediately returned, when an engagement began, which lasted three glasses, when the ship and brig both struck. In this engagement I had 9 men wounded, but none killed. The enemy had 18 killed, and a number wounded. My officers and men behaved with great bravery, none could have outdone them. We took out of the above vessels 210 prisoners, among whom is Col. Campbell of Gen. Frazer's regiment of Highlanders. The Maj. [Menzies] was kill'd in the engagement.

"Yesterday a ship was seen in the Bay, which came towards the entrance of Boston harbour; upon which I came to sail, with four schooners in company; we came up with them, and took them without an engagement: there were on board 112 Highlanders . . . As there are a number more of the same fleet expected every day, and the General here urges my stay, I shall tarry a few days, and then proceed for New London. My brig is much damaged in her sails and rigging."

the keeper is uneasie with his situation &c., and requesting liberty of a guard &c.,

Considered and voted, That the overseers of Newgate prison be advised and directed, and they are hereby advised and directed, to procure and place a guard of two faithful men every night, or more if they shall judge necessary, carefully to watch and guard said prison and all the avenues thereof, in order to prevent the escape of any of said prisoners, and any access to them by unknown or suspicious persons. And that said committee be desired to examine into the true situation and circumstances of said affair, and inform his Honor the Governor as soon as may be and of the necessity of the case, in order to receive further instructions in the premises.

Many other matters of publick nature considered &c.

And adjourned till tomorrow morning.

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[20] AT A MEETING &C. ADJOURNED FROM YESTERDAY. 16 JULY.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

(*First time in this book*) Hono. Dep. Governor Griswold.

Elip[t] Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
Nath[l] Wales,
Benja. Huntington,
Wm. Hilhouse, } Esq[rs].

Mr. Brown and Gardner, sons &c. of Brown of Fishers Island, present, applying for pay for the stock lately taken from Fishers Island &c : It seems the affair is not ripe &c., but the matter to be previously settled between them and Mr. Winthrop, as to who has the right to receive &c , and letter wrote to the committee at N. London.

Capt. Mygatt, of a provision vessel stopped by Capt. Niles agreeable to order, moving for leave to proceed &c., but it seems not safe, the enemy so many about, and could not consent to it &c.

Engineer Waters came in, moving to have some extra allowance for the carpenters and masons at the works at N. London, above the amount of their wages.

Voted, That the tradesmen, as carpenters and masons, who have been employed about the works at N. London, be allowed nine pence per day over and above their wages for the time they have laboured or shall labour there under direction of the engineer &c.; a particular account to be kept of the days; and that 1*s*. 6*d*. per day above their wages be allowed to the master mason, master carpenter, and master blower, who have laboured or shall labour as aforesaid; account to be kept as aforesaid. *Copy given, delivered said Waters.*

Said Mr. Waters laid in his account for his services as engineer from Nov. 22d, 1775, to July 15 inst., deducting for absent days &c, leaves 4 months and 13 days, at £12

	£53	4	
And 18 weeks board at 12*s*.	10	16	
And allowance for sundry small expences	1	19	3
	65	19	3

And the same is allowed and ordered to be drawn for. *Order given, delivered him.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the committee of lead mine at Middletown in favor of Mr. Jos. Webb of Wethersfield, for one thousand weight of lead, to replace the same quantity sent by the selectmen of Wethersfield by request and delivered Cap. Wadsworth, for the army at Cambridge. *Order given, delivered Mr. Hosmer.*

[21] On application of Wm. Lax, for cash toward his bill for building carriages for the arm'd vessels and gallies &c: Voted, that an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor of Wm. Lax for the sum of £80, to be accounted for on his bill for building ship carriages for cannon on board the gallies &c. and the cannon bro't by Commodore Hopkins. *Order given, delivered him.*

Row-Gallies ordered to New York.

His Excellency Gen[l] Washington having requested the loan of the row-gallies belonging to this Colony, to assist in the defence of New York now attacked by the enemy: Resolved and voted, that row-gallies Whiting and Crane proceed immediately to New York, and there be under the command of his Excellency Gen[l] Washington until further orders.* *Orders sent.*

* They participated in the attack on the Phœnix and Rose in the Hudson, off Tarrytown, Saturday August 3d. The Crane had one man wounded; the Whiting one killed, three wounded. *Courant*, Aug. 12, No. 603.

Governor Franklin removed to Middletown.

On application and request of Governor Franklin, now residing on his parole at Wallingford, for liberty to remove to Middletown: on consideration: Voted and resolved, that said Governor Franklin be permitted to remove to and reside at Middletown until further orders, under the obligations of the same parole he has signed on his being ordered to Wallingford.

Voted and ordered, That none of the prisoners residing at Hartford or Wethersfield be any longer permitted to go into the town of Middletown without a special licence from his Honor the Governor. And the committee of prisoners are to take notice hereof and see that they be restrained accordingly. *Copy given, delivered Mr. Root.*

The Hono. Congress having requested this Colony to furnish our troops with tents, cloathing &c.: On consideration voted a committee be appointed to purchase and procure all the tow cloth and other suitable cloth or materials for making of tents that can be had in the Colony. *See next p. for the committee.*

Capt. Jno. Deshon came in, moves for a supply of money to enable him to procure further quantities of provisions &c. for the regiment at N. London, and moves for £2000: On consideration voted, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of fifteen hundred pounds, to be improved for the purpose of procuring provisions for the support of the soldiers stationed at New London, and a quantity of molasses to be distilled and otherwise used for said soldiers; and said sum to be accounted for in settlement of his accounts in said service. *Order drawn, delivered said Deshon.*

[22] **Draft for Axes &c.**

Whereas Gen. Schuyler has earnestly requested his Honor the Governor to furnish his army with a number of felling axes, not exceeding one thousand &c.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favor of his Honor the Governor for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, to be by him put into the hands of proper persons to purchase felling axes for Gen. Schuyler according [to] his request, to be repaid by said General.

And that an order be also drawn on the Pay-Table in favor of Titus Hosmer, Esqr. for the same sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the same purpose *The two above sums ordered, delivered Cap. Deshon to bring.*

On application of the selectmen of Lebanon, that they cannot obtain fire-arms sufficient for the company under Capt. Clark of said town: Voted, that they may receive a number, not exceeding fifteen, of the guns and bayonets now in the hands of his Honor the Governor, which were fitted up from old barrels received from Crown Point. *And they were delivered and receipt taken by the Governor.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY BY ADJOURNMENT, JULY 17TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the D. Governor.
P.M. Eliph^t Dyer, Jz. Huntington, Wm. Williams, Titus Hosmer, Jed^h Elderkin, Nathl Wales, Benj. Huntington, Wm. Hillhouse, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That the pay-master of Col. Ward's regiment be and he is hereby directed to pay, as a premium, to the soldiers who shall provide themselves with fire-arms &c, the sum of six shillings for each gun so provided, and the sum of four shillings for each bayonet, cartouch-box and knapsack so provided.

Col. Mott came in with sundry motions &c. respecting his regiment &c.

And many matters to consider about &c.

[23] This Board do appoint Messrs. Andrew Huntington, Joshua Elderkin, Chauncey Whittelsey of Middletown, Jona. Fitch, Saml Squire, and Lynde Lord, a committee to purchase all the suitable tow cloth and other suitable cloths for tents, to be obtained in their respective counties, and cause the same to be made up into proper tents for the use of the troops of this Colony, in the most expeditious manner they can, and report to his Honor of what they shall respectively do in the premises.

The Continental Congress having recommended to the Assemblies &c. of the United Colonies, to procure a quantity of cloathing for the continental army,

Voted and resolved, That a quantity of home-made cloth, or other if that cant be obtained, as far as may be of a brown or cloth colour, sufficient for three thousand coats and the same number of waistcoats, and as many blankets as can be obtained in the Colony, three thousand felt hats, cloth of check'd flannel, or some linen if that cant be obtained, sufficient for six thousand shirts, and also six thousand pair of shoes, to be collected as soon as may be and deposited in proper stores in the several counties. And the same above named committee are appointed to procure the same.

And the said articles are proportioned to the several counties as follow, *viz:*

	Coats and waistcoats, each.	Felts.	Shirts.	Shoes.
Hartford County,	1000	800	1600	1600
N. Haven County,	400	450	1000	900
N. London County,	700	850	1400	1300
Fairfield County,	300	300	600	1000
Windham County,	400	400	1000	800
Litchfield County,	200	200	400	400
	3000	3000	6000	6000

And letters to be prepared to each of said commissaries directing them accordingly. *And is done.*

On motion &c. considered, and this Board do appoint Mr. Timothy Larrabee Pay-Master of Colo. Mott's regiment.

[24] On application by Col. Mott, that it is expedient his men should be furnished a small quantity of ammunition on their march &c.: Resolved, that his soldiers supplying themselves with four bullets each, Col. Wm. Pitkin be desired and directed to deliver said Col. Mott or his order, at the rate of one pound of powder for every eight men of his regiment; and the same quantity to Col. Swift or his order, for the use of his regiment. *Copy drawn and Col. Pitkin advised of it.*

Cannon to be brought to Hartford.

Being informed by Col, Porter that 18 nine-pound and other cannon are cast at the furnace in Salisbury, which are greatly wanted &c.: On consideration this Board do appoint Colo. Jona. Pettibone a committee to procure proper teams and carriages for transporting twenty nine-pound cannon from Salisbury furnace to Hartford. And he, said Col, Pettibone, is authorized and appointed to take care of and procure the same to be bro't and transported in the cheapest and most proper manner he shall be able,

and the same deliver to Capt. William Tyley at Hartford, with all convenient speed, and make report to his Honor the Governor. *Copy given, and sent to him.*

Adjourned till tomorrow morning.

N.B. Ordered 800 lb. of powder from Col. Pitkin's mill to be sent to Colo. Porter for use at Salisbury furnace.

THURSDAY 18TH JULY, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present as yesterday: His Honor the Governor,
Hono. D. Govr Griswold,
Elip^t Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Wm. Williams,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed. Elderkin,
Nathl Wales,
Benja. Huntington,
Wm. Hilhouse,
} Esq^rs.

Letters prepared for Gen. Schuyler &c. &c. and sent by Brown the Albany post; and for Col. Porter, about the cannon; and Col. Pettibone's appointment, to procure the cannon to be bro't to Hartford; and copies of the appointment of commissaries to procure the cloathing &c., as mentioned above and p. 23 [483] and dispatched by Nathl Porter and said post &c.

Mr. Root came in, moves in the name of the committee of prisoners and the county court, to have a yard erected round the goal at Hartford, to secure the prisoners &c., and is considered and largely discoursed.

[25] **Yard at Hartford Goal.**

It being represented to this Board by a resolve of the honorable county court of the county of Hartford, that it is absolutely necessary that a good yard be forthwith built round the goal in said county, which they judge will be particularly useful to secure the prisoners of war that are or may be taken in or sent into this Colony: And, on consideration.

Voted and resolved, That it be recommended to the county court for Hartford county forthwith to make and construct a good and

sufficient yard for said goal with pickets or plank in the best and most prudent manner they can.

And it is further resolved, That one half the expence of constructing said yard be born and paid out of the public treasury of this Colony, the residue by the county of Hartford aforesaid. *Copy given to Mr. Root.*

Col. Ward's Regiment stayed &c.

Whereas the regiment raised in this Colony for continental service under the command of Col. Andrew Ward is now in great measure raised, mustered, equipped and ready to march, and his Honor the Governor hath given orders for their march to Boston: And whereas intelligence is received, that Lord Howe with a very large body of troops hath joined General How at New York, and the whole force of the enemy seems ready to fall upon the city of New York and parts adjacent, and the small pox now greatly prevailing in and about Boston and would probably spread in said regiment and disable it from service should they march there,

Resolved, That it will be most advisable and best, that the colonel of said regiment be ordered to suspend their march for the present, until further orders from the Congress or Gen[l] Washington may be had; which from the state of public affairs may be soon expected. *Copy given Colo. Ward, present.*

The matter of publishing the Independency taken up again and largely discoursed, and the manner of choosing the Delegates &c. a good deal considered &c., and finally thought best to let the matter of publishing the Independency remain for the determination of the General Assembly at their next stated session.

Resolve for stopping suspected Persons &c.

Whereas many persons inimical to the United States of America do wander from place to place with intent to spy out the state of the Colonies and give intelligence to their enemies, whereby confederacies may be formed and strengthened, and other great [26] inconveniences may ensue ‖ thereupon: Which to prevent,

Resolved, That no person or persons unknown or suspected, whether they appear in the character of gentlemen, expresses, travellers, or common beggars, be permitted to travel or pass from town to town in this Colony, unless he or they can and do produce a certificate from some Congress, Committee of Safety or of Inspection, some magistrate, justice of the peace, general or field

officer in the army, therein mentioning from whence and to what place the person producing the same is travelling, and that he is friendly to the liberties of the American States, unless he be a person well known and friendly as aforesaid. And all officers civil and military, selectmen, committees of inspection, sheriffs, constables, grand jurors, and tythingmen in this Colony, are directed to require every person travelling as aforesaid to produce such certificate, and to stop and examine such persons travelling without certificate as aforesaid, and unless he or they can give full satisfaction that he or they are pursuing their lawful business, and are friendly to the liberties and interests of the United American States, and hath no design to hurt or injure them in his or their journey, that they apprehend such person or persons and him or them carry before the civil authority, selectmen, or committee of inspection of the town in which he or they shall be found, to be further examined and dealt with as the nature of the case in his or their opinion may require.

And it is further recommended to the civil authority and selectmen of the larger towns in this Colony, that proper watches and wards be kept in suitable places in said towns by night, to apprehend any such persons, as aforesaid, that may travel by night from place to place and practice mischief against this or the rest of the United American Colonies, and bring them before proper authority, that they may be dealt with in such manner as the nature of their several cases may require.

An attested copy delivered Mr. Root, to be printed in handbills and news-papers

Adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY 19TH JULY, MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Hono. D. Govr. Griswold.

Before noon. { Elip^{t} Dyer, Jz. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Wm. Williams,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Benja. Huntington,
Nathl Wales,
Wm. Hilhouse,

[27] Letters preparing for Gen[l] Washington &c., for Congress &c.

Copies made of a number about six depositions taken at New London of the conduct of some New York provision vessels throwing themselves into the enemies hands &c., in order to send Gen. Washington*: originals for the Congress.

On representation by Messrs. Elderkin and Wales, of the necessity of a magazine to store the powder wrought or to be wrought at their mill: Voted, that Colo. Elderkin and Wales be directed to build a good and sufficient magazine of stone of the dimensions of 8 feet by 10 at least, to be arched, covered with earth and sodded, in a good dry side hill, near their said mill and works, and that they receive out of the public treasury a sum not exceeding fourteen pounds, to enable them to perform said service; for which they engage to erect such magazine so as to well and thoroughly answer the end proposed, and to be and belong to the Colony; and they to supply the deficiency, if any there be.

On pressing application from Mr. Brooks, one of the selectmen of Stratford, for a supply of powder for that town: Voted, that an order be drawn on Messrs. Doolittle & C. powder-mill at New Haven for eight hundred pounds of powder, in favor of the selectmen of Stratford: they to account therefor to the General Assembly or to this Board, at the rate of 5*s.* 4*d.* per pound, or in such manner as shall be further considered and ordered. *Order given, sent in a letter by the D. Governor.*

On repeated application from Gen[l] Washington &c.: Ordered, that Capt. Stanton of the row-galley Shark shall, in addition to the ordered before, immediately repair to Gen[l] Washington at New York and subject himself to the command of said general until further orders.

Voted and ordered, That Capt. Harding of the brig Defence immediately cause said brig to be fitted and repaired with necessary repairs, and that he cruise in the Sound and in proper places and grounds, for the best advantage and interest of the Colony.

Voted, That his Honor the Governor be and he is hereby desired to give proper commissions to such officers as shall be duly chosen and returned as commission officers in all such companies of men not obliged by law to bear arms in the militia in this Colony, as shall associate into military order and stand ready to serve the publick under command of the Captain General.

And adjourned till next Tuesday 7 night, unless sooner called.

* *Am. Archives*, 5th, i, 401.

[28] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JULY 23D, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph[t] Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Benja. Huntington, } Esq[rs].
Jed[h] Elderkin,
Nath[l] Wales jun[r],

Mr. Daniel Dee is appointed Second Lieutenant of the company of matrosses under command of Capt. Nath[l] Saltonstall at New London in the service of this Colony.

Voted, That this Council do approve of an order drawn by his Honor the Governor, dated the 22d, on the Pay-Table for two hundred pounds in favor of Capt. Eph[m] Bill; to render his account.

Voted, That this Council do approve of an order drawn by his Honor the Governor on Col. Wm. Pitkin, to sell to Mr. James Phelps of Spencer Town of the Colony of New York fifty pounds of the gun-powder in said Col. Pitkin's hands belonging to this Colony, at the price of 5*s*. 4*d*. per pound.

Voted to draw an order on the Pay Table for £200 0 0, in favour of Dr. Joshua Elderkin, to enable him to purchase tents and clothing for the continental army, to be paid out of the money lodged by Mr. Sherman in the treasury, if lodged there for that purpose, and otherwise to be paid out of the proper treasury of this Colony; and to render his account. *Order given July 23d, 1776, and delivered to Col. Elderkin.*

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[29] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JULY 27TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph[t] Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Jed[h] Elderkin, } Esq[rs].
Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
Benj. Huntington,

Voted, That the felling-axes purchased in this Colony be sent forward without delay by trusty waggoners to Skeensborough, to

the care of such persons as have a right to receive them for the use of the continental army as has been requested by Gen[l] Schuyler.

On application by Mr. Jay from the Committee of Convention of the State of N. York.:* Voted to grant the loan of twenty cannon, *viz.* 10 twelve-pounders and 10 six-pounders, now at the furnace at Salisbury, to the State of New York; also a suitable proportion of shot for said cannon. Said cannon to be replaced and said shot to be returned or accounted for by said State when requested. And the overseers of said furnace are directed to cast a sufficient number or as many as can be of iron trucks or carriage wheels for said cannon, to be loaned to said State and returned or accounted for with the cannon aforesaid. All to be delivered to Mr. Jay or order by said overseers, taking proper receipts for the same. *Copy delivered to Mr. Jay July 27th, 1776.*

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[30] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JULY 30TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph[t] Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Rich[d] Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed[h] Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nath[l] Wales,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

Voted and allowed to Prosper Wetmore, Esq[r], sheriff of the county of New London, the sum of £12 2 10, for his expence and trouble in supporting guarding 22 continental prisoners taken by Commodore Hopkins, and transporting them with their baggage to Windham goal, as per bill. Also,

Voted and allowed to said Wetmore the sum of £11 4 0, for transporting Dr. Church by order of Congress from Norwich to Boston and from thence to Watertown, as per bill.

Also voted and allowed to said Wetmore the sum of £9 5 0, for his trouble and expence with Dr. Church whilst a prisoner in his care, from Nov[r] 1775 until the 27th of May 1776, and for his

* *Rev. War*, xxxvii, 160.

trouble in waiting on Dr. Church abroad for his health at sundry times during his imprisonment, as was ordered by Congress, amounting in the whole to £32 11 10, L. money. *Order drawn, July 30th, 1776, delivered to Mr. Wetmore.*

Voted and allowed to Ebenezer Backus jun^r of Norwich the sum of £12 2 8, for victualling 19 prisoners and their guard 5 days. as per bill dated July 30th, 1776. *Order drawn on the back of the bill and delivered Mr. Wetmore.*

Voted to draw an order on the Pay Table for a thousand pounds in favour of Mr. Nathl Shaw jun^r, for the Colony's use, and to render his account. *Order drawn July 30th, 1776, delivered to Col. Huntington.*

[31] Voted the following Instructions to his Honor Col. Huntington from his Honor the Governor and Committee of Safety.

You are directed to proceed to New London with all possible dispatch, and there in behalf and for the use of the Colony, in conjunction with your son, Mr. Andrew Huntington, to purchase such necessary clothing for the troops of this Colony as you can procure upon the most reasonable terms. You are also to treat with the owner of the Bermudian sloop brought into said port by the continental fleet, for the purchase thereof, and to find out his terms, conditions &c., and report make; and in the mean time to lay an injunction against the said sloop's leaving said port till further orders from this Board be had thereon; and you with your son are to purchase all the swivel guns and the shot belonging to them. one third of the cannon and shot, and also one hundred stand of arms, and all the lead shot lately brought into said port by a French sloop.

Memorandum, There is a quantity of timber, plank &c. at Hayden's yard in Saybrook, which belongs to the Colony and must at some seasonable time be taken care of.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, JULY 31ST, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^t Dyer,
Richd Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^h Elderkin, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales,
Benj. Huntington,

William Nichols of Hartford is appointed a Pay-Master of Col. Heman Swift's battalion.

Nehemiah Hubbard jun^r of Middletown is appointed Pay-Master to Col. Charles Burrell's battalion.

[32] Samuel Champlain jun^r of New London is appointed Third Lieutenant on board the Colony ship under Capt. Coit.

Azariah Whittlesay of Saybrook is appointed Master of the Colony ship under command of Capt. Coit.

Voted to draw an order on the Pay-Table for two hundred and fifty pounds in favor of Capt. Wm. Coit, to enable him to enlist his men and advance their first month's pay. And that said Capt. Coit lodge a bond with surety with the Pay-Table in common form for his faithful performance of the trust of pay-master. *Order drawn July 31st, and delivered to Capt. Wm. Coit.*

Voted, That Mr. Law is desired to compile a Code of Laws for the Naval Service of this Colony, as much in conformity to the laws of the naval service of the United Colonies as may consist with the service of this Colony, and lay the same before this Committee at their next meeting for their consideration.

Voted, That Capt. Coit be ordered to bring the Colony ship round to N. London as soon as possible.*

Voted, That Mr. Nathl Shaw jun^r is desired to provide supplies of provision, arms, hammocks, cabouses, rigging and every other needful article to furnish the Colony ship fit for the seas as soon as possible.

Eliphalet Roberts of Hartford is appointed Captain of Marines on board the Colony ship under command of Capt. Wm. Coit.

John Prentice 2d of New London is appointed First Lieutenant of Marines on board the Colony ship under command of Capt. Coit.

† of New London is appointed Second Lieutenant of Marines on board the Colony ship under command of Capt. Coit.

Voted, That six midshipmen shall be allowed on board the Colony ship under command of Capt. Coit.

Voted, That Capt. Coit's men on board the Colony ship shall be

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* The ship came out of Connecticut River August 18th, and arrived at New London on Tuesday the 20th. Early in the month her masts had been somewhat damaged by lightning.

† The name of Joab Bebee was written but cancelled by a line draw through it. See entry of Aug. 21.

inlisted to be held in service until the first day of May 1777, unless sooner discharged.

[33] Received Gurdon Saltonstall Esq's account of sundry expences in building the fort in New London, examined the same and allowed a balance of £176 12 10 due thereon, as per account on file, and voted to draw on the Pay Table for the same. *Order drawn July 31st, and delivered to Col. Saltonstall.*

Voted to direct Dr. Joshua Elderkin to purchase what ravens duck is now to be had at Providence at as reasonable a rate as he can, for Colony's use. *Copy delivered to Col. Elderkin July 31st, 1776.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table in favor of Jed^{h} Elderkin and Nathl Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, for £250 0 0, to be in account for their making gun-powder for this Colony. *Order drawn July 31st, 1776, delivered to Col. Elderkin.*

Received, examined and allowed the account of Asa Spafford of Windham for £2 4 11, for repairing sundry arms of soldiers in service of the United States of America, as per bill; and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the same. *Order drawn July 31st, 1776, delivered to Col. Elderkin.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST FIRST, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph^{t} Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Richd Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Nathl Wales jun^{r}
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs}.

Voted, (upon application of the selectmen of Windham,) That Lieut. Wales have 12 guns and bayonets and belts, to be delivered him by Mr. David Trumbull for the use of Capt. Stedman's company.

[34] Sent circular letters to all the respective towns in the Colony, urging the necessity of forwarding the enlistments &c.

Sundry letters from the Convention of New York by Mr. DePuyster, relative to the prisoners sent from thence to Litchfield

goal, read, taken up and considered: And thereupon voted, that the mayor of New York be bro't down to Hartford and there confined; two of said prisoners. *viz.* Gilbert Forbes and Wm. Forbes, to be confined at Litchfield goal, and the other 10 to be bro't down to Norwich goal, and warrants thereupon granted, directed to the respective goalers &c.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for £600 in favour of Mr. Andrew Huntington, for the purchase of cloathing, tents &c. for the use of the continental army, to be paid out of the money lodged in the Colony treasury by Mr. Sherman, if lodged for said purpose, otherways to be out of the proper treasury of the Colony, and to render his account therefor. *Order given, dated Augt 1, 1776, delivered Col. Huntington.*

Adjourned to morrow morning.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2D, 1776, A.M., MET ACCORDING TO ADJOURNMENT.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Richd Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Col. Pettibone applied to this Board for direction and instruction relative to bringing down the cannon &c. from Salisbury furnace.

Voted, That an order be given to Col. Pettibone on Col. J. Porter, to deliver to him for the use of this Colony forty tons of pig-iron, also one or two tons of nine pound shot, to be by him transported to Connecticut River. *Order drawn and delivered to Col Pettibone August 2d, 1776.*

[35] Whereas the Continental Congress did order cloathing to be provided in this State for the use of the continental army, and proper persons are employed for that purpose: And whereas this Board hath been advised of the great and pressing necessity of the army at Crown Point and Tyconderoga for an immediate supply of clothing, which will admit no delay,

Resolved, That the necessity of the northern army for an immediate supply of clothing is so great that such part of that article as

is procured in this State in pursuance of said order of Congress ought to be forwarded to said army without waiting for particular orders to that purpose. And his Honor the Governor is desired to give orders to have the same forwarded to said army accordingly.

Resolved and ordered, That Capt. John Deshon and Mr. Nath[l] Shaw jun[r] be and they are instructed to purchase the New Providence sloop belonging to Mr. Charles Walker,* now lying at New London, for the use of this government, to be fitted as an armed vessel, at the easiest and cheapest rate in their power, and to execute proper contracts on the part of this Colony for that purpose and receive suitable writings of conveyance to pass the property of the same to this State accordingly.

And that, thereupon Capt. Seth Harding do immediately proceed to alter and fit up said sloop as an armed brigantine with the greatest dispatch, and that he make use of the masts, sails, rigging, guns and other implements and furniture of the brigantine Defence now under his command for that purpose, and that he employ the officers, sailors and marines of said brigantine Defence in fitting said sloop as aforesaid.

And said Mr. Shaw is directed to furnish Capt. Harding with what shall be necessary for that purpose.

[36] *Resolved and ordered*, That the Hon[ble] Eliphalet Dyer and Richard Law, Esq[rs], do immediately repair to New York and there confer with his Excellency General Washington upon further measures proper and necessary to be pursued by this State for the defence and security of this and the rest of the United States and to frustrate the designs of their enemies against them.

Voted to draw an order on the Pay-Table for £200 0 0, in favor of Doct. Joshua Elderkin, to enable him to purchase tents and clothing for the continental army, to be paid out of the money lodged by Mr. Sherman in the treasury, if lodged there for that purpose, otherwise to be paid out of the proper treasury of this Colony, and to render his account. *Order drawn August 2d, 1776, and delivered to Nath[l] Wales jun[r], Esq[r].*

August 5th, 1776. The Governor drew an order on the Pay-Table for one thousand pounds in favour of Mr. Chauncey Whit-

* The sloop *Endeavour* had been taken into the service of the United Colonies by Commodore Hopkins, and was restored to Mr. Walker by vote of Congress of July 12th, 1776.

tlesey, to enable him to go on in purchasing tents and clothing for the continental army, to be paid out of the money lodged in the treasury by Mr. Sherman. if sent for that purpose, otherwise out of the proper treasury of this Colony; and said Whittlesey to render his accounts.

The above order was approved by a vote of Governor and Council of Safety at their meeting August 15th, 1776.

Attest, BENJ. HUNTINGTON, Clerk P. T.

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[37] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 9TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Nathl Wales jun^r, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Hillhouse,
Benj. Huntington,

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for two months billeting for the forces in Colony service at Fairfield under command of Lieut. John Mills. *Order delivered to Lieut. Mills himself August 9th, 1776.*

Voted, That the selectmen of the town of Fairfield have liberty, at the expence of said town, to take two of the Colony's cannon now at the furnace at Salisbury, for the use of the fort at Fairfield, *viz.* one twelve-pounder and one eighteen-pounder, if such may be had, if not, then two twelve-pounders; and also one ton of shot suitable for the cannon in said fort; to be improved in said fort till further orders of the General Assembly or the Governor and Committee of Safety; and that if the Assembly or Governor and C. shall see fit to order said two cannon to any other use during the present contest, the expence of transporting said cannon &c to be paid by the Colony to said town. And the overseers of said furnace are directed to deliver said cannon and shot accordingly. *Copy delivered to Lt. John Mills August 9th, 1776.*

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[38] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 10TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Ordered a number of prisoners sent here by the committee of Albany as inimical to the United States of America, to be confined in the goal in N. London and none of them to go abroad excepting under a trusty guard, and that by land and to no more [than] one half mile distance from the goal, and gave a mittimus to the sheriff of N. London county, with directions accordingly.

Also wrote to the Convention to N. York and to the committee of Albany on the subject of supporting and confining their prisoners in this Colony.

Drew an order on the Pay-Table for ten pounds in favour of Ensign John Fisk of Col. Elmer's battalion, to enable him to support his party and prisoners sent here by him from the committee of Albany, and the same to be repaid by Mr. Fisk or the committee of Albany into the hands of Mr. Jonath. Trumbull jun^r. *Order delivered to John Fisk, August 10th, 1776.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 11TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jz. Huntington,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted and ordered, That Messrs. Isaac Doolittle & Co., owners of the powder-mill in New Haven, deliver one thousand pounds weight of the Colony's powder in their hands to the selectmen of New Haven as town stock, and take their receipt to account for the same. *Copy delivered to Mr. Samuel Thacher August 11th, 1776.*

His Honor the Governor, by advice of Council, gave orders to the commanding officers of the 1st, 2d, 4th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22d and 23d regiments of militia in this State, to march immediately to New York, and there put themselves under the command of General Washington until the present exigency is over.

[39] *Voted*, That the militia men who are now ordered to New York to be under command of General Washington shall receive twenty shillings per man in advance towards their wages; and the Committee of Pay-Table are directed immediately to send a paymaster to pay the same to each man accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 12TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales, jun^r,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favour of Jesse Root, Esqr, for three thousand and six hundred pounds, as paymaster of the advanced wages of the officers and men of the 2d, 4th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th regiments of militia in this Colony now ordered on duty to New York, to be by him paid out at the rate of 20*s*. per man into the hands of the commanding officers of each regiment.

Also, that an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favour of the commanding officers of the first, sixth, nineteenth and twenty-third regiments of militia, equal to 20*s*. per man that shall march with them to New York, upon their application at the Pay-Table for the same.

Also, that an order be given to the Pay-Table to draw out of the treasury three hundred pounds and send it by some trusty person to the commanding officer of the 22d regiment, with orders to pay to said commanding officer twenty shillings for each man in his regiment that shall march with him to New York. The above monies to be accounted for by the persons who receive the same

to pay out as aforesaid. *Orders drawn August 12th, A.D. 1776, and delivered to Jesse Root, Esqr.*

Gave an order on Capt. Saml Squire of Fairfield, in favour of Capt. Seth Harding of the brig Defence, for forty barrels of pork, forty barrels of beef, forty bushels of beans and peas, and forty bushels of Indian corn, for the use of the brig Defence. *Order delivered to Capt. Harding, August 12th, 1776.*

[40] Gave an order on Capt. Saml Squire of Fairfield, in favour of Mr. Nathl Shaw jun^r, for sixty barrels of pork, the Colony's use. *Order delivered to Capt. Harding, August 12th, 1776.*

Orders were given to Capt. Harding of the Colony's brig Defence to cruise against the enemies of the United American States as soon as fitted to sail, for the space of about eight weeks, and to use every precaution in his power and discretion to cause any prize he may take to be brought into some port of the United [States,] and there secured and condemned; and after said cruise is ended to return to his place of rendezvous.

Gave an order on the Pay-Table, in favour of Capt. John McCall of the Veteran Guards of the 20th regiment of militia now ordered to New York on publick service, for 20*s.* advance wages for each soldier that shall march under his command, to be computed agreeable to the number of soldiers he shall certify the company which marches under his command to consist of. *Order given the 12th of August, 1776, delivered to Capt. McCall.*

Gave orders to Capt. McCall of the Veteran Guard in the 20th regiment, to march immediately with his company, and as many more as will inlist to the number of ninety-three including officers, to join the 19th regiment and put themselves under Genl Washington, until the present exigency is over and until duly discharged. *Order delivered to Capt. McCall, August 12th, 1776.*

Voted, That Oliver Wolcott, Esqr, be and he is hereby appointed a Brigadier-General of the militia of this State now ordered to march to New York to reinforce the army under command of Genl Washington; and His Honor the Governor is desired to commissionate him accordingly *A commission was given, bearing date 15th August, 1776.*

[41] *Voted,* An order of ten pounds on the Pay-Table in favor of Mr. Daniel Strong, to bear his expences with his team to the northward with goods and warlike stores for the continental army in the northern department. *Order delivered to Mr. Strong, 12th August, 1776.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 13TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for £180 0 0, in favour of Capt. Seth Warner of Saybrook, to enable him to raise a crew of forty seamen for the naval service of the United States of America on the Lakes to the northward. They are to receive a bounty of £6 0 0 for inlisting, and for finding themselves blankets 12*s.*, guns 6*s.*, and cartouch-box and belt and knapsack 2*s*, and one month's wages being 48*s.* advanced, according to proclamation. Said Warner to lodge a bond with surety for his faithful use of said money. *Order drawn August 13th, 1776, delivered Capt. Warner.*

A number of letters were written and sent in answer to letters from Genl Schuyler, Genl Gates, the Pay-Master, &c. Sent by Brown, the post-rider.

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[42] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 14TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jz. Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Nathl Wales,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

His Honor the Governor appointed Mr. Youngs Ledyard a Lieutenant of matrosses in the company at Groton under command of Capt. William Ledyard, instead of who resigned.

Voted and ordered, That the pay of the officers and privates in the companies of matrosses in Col. Erastus Wolcott's regiment shall be the same as the other officers and privates of the same regiment; excepting gunners, whose pay was on the 9th of July last determined to be 44*s.* per month.

Voted to draw an order on the Committee of Pay-Table for the sum of £150 0 0, in favor of Nath[l] Miner, Esq[r], commissary of the company at Stonington, and to be in account. *Order drawn and delivered to Nath[l] Miner Esq[r], August 14th, 1776.*

Capt. John McCall, of the company of Veteran Guards in Norwich, exhibited to this Board a return of his officers and men who furnished and equipped themselves in pursuance of a proclamation from his Honor the Governor by advice of his Council of Safety on the 6th day of May last, to stand ready to march at a minutes warning to the defence of this and the neighbouring States. By which return there appears to be due to said company the sum of £16 15 0, which is allowed; and voted to draw an order on the Pay-Table for said sum of £16 15 0, in favor of said Capt. John McCall, as paymaster to his said company, for the same. *Order drawn and delivered to Capt. McCall August 14th, 1776.*

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[43] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 15TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Titus Hosmer,
Jed[h] Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq[rs].

The Governor gave an order to Dr. Thomas Russell of Col. Swift's regiment in the words following, *viz:*

Lebanon, August 15th, 1776.

Gentlemen: As our people in the northern army are in want of proper medicines cannot at this time be had there for the use of our troops I have judged it necessary to furnish Dr. Thomas Russell with a small quantity of such articles are needful for the present and desire you to furnish the doctor with such as he shall apply for and send me an invoice of the same, for which an order in your favour on the Treasurer will be sent to you. I am, Gentlemen, your humble servant,

To Messrs. Smith & Coit, in Hartford. JON[TH] TRUMBULL.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £400 0 0, in favour of Dr. Joshua Elderkin, to enable him to purchase tents and clothing for the continental army in the northern department, to be paid out of the money lodged in the treasury by Mr. Sherman for that

purpose, if any there be, otherwise to be paid out of the proper treasury of this Colony, and to render his account. *Order drawn and delivered to Nathl Wales jun^r, Esqr, August 15th, 1776.*

Voted to allow 26*s.* on an account of Capt. Edmund Badger, for hire of an horse and damage done him by John Van Aulin, an express from Genl Washington to Boston July 3d, 1776. *Order drawn August 15th, 1776, and delivered to Mr. Wales.*

[44] *Voted and resolved,* That John Munro and Henry Van Schaack, Esq^rs, two of the prisoners sent into this State by the Committee of Albany county in the State of New York, under accusation, *viz.* said Munro of inlisting soldiers for the ministerial army and being an officer: said Van Schaack of being a disaffected person, corresponding with the tories in Connecticut; with a desire that they may be safely kept in this State, be sent to East Haddam, there to reside under their parole of honor that they will continue in the place or places of their residence and not depart more than two miles from the same nor across Connecticut River if within two miles of the same, and that they will not directly or indirectly correspond by message, writing or otherwise, with the enemies of the United States of America or any person or persons within said States inimical or reputed inimical to the liberties of the same, and that they will neither do nor say anything in prejudice of the interest of said United States or in opposition to the acts and resolves of the Continental Congress, the General Assembly of this Colony, or any Provincial Assembly, Convention or Congress, or of the measures pursued or pursuing by them or by their order, and that they will not associate or hold correspondence with any prisoner or prisoners of war of said United States, nor send or receive any letter or billet to or from any person or persons whatsoever without first submitting such letter or billet to the inspection and observation of the committee of inspection of said East Haddam, or some of them, and receiving their approbation of such letter or billet and consent that the same may be sent. And that said committee of East Haddam be desired and directed to take the oversight of said Munro and Van Schaack and observe how they keep their parole, and that in case they find that said parole is broken in any respect by said Munro and Van Schaack, or either of them, that they immediately arrest them, said Munro and Van Schaack, and them hold in safe custody until they give notice thereof to his Honor the Governor and receive his further orders thereon.

[45] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 16TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jz. Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted, That an order be drawn in favor of Capt. James Rice, for £672 6 5, on the Pay-Table, in balance of his accounts rendered to this time. *Order drawn August 16th, 1776, delivered to Capt. Jas. Rice.*

Voted to draw an order in favour of Capt. David Hawley for £180, to enable him [to] raise a crew of seamen for the naval service of the United States of America on the Lakes to the northward, to which service he is appointed a Captain. Said money to be disposed of by him in the same ways and manner as was directed to Capt. Warner in this book p. 41 [500]. *Order drawn August 16th, 1776, delivered to Capt. David Hawley.*

Voted to draw an order in favour of Capt. Frederick Chappel of N. Haven for the sum of £180, to enable him to raise a crew of seamen for the naval service of the United States of America on the Lakes to the northward, to which service he is appointed a Captain. Said money to be disposed of by him in the same ways and manner as was directed to Capt. Warner in this book p. 41 [500]. *Order drawn August 16th, 1776, delivered to Capt. Chappel.*

Voted to draw an order on the Pay-Table for the sum of fifty pounds in favour of Capt. Walter Hyde of the independent company under his command, for the advance wages of 20*s.* per man before their march.

[46] Whereas the enemies of these States have frequent intercourse with the inhabitants of Block Island, and there is great danger of their giving them intelligence that may be prejudicial to these States: It is therefore

Voted and resolved, That from and after the twentieth day of August instant no boat from Block Island be permitted to enter into any creek or inlet or harbour in this State, and that in case any such boat shall put into any such creek, inlet or harbour, the

same shall be seized and detained in safe custody with the persons on board the same. And the commanding officer of the troops at the different forts on the sea coast of this State, and all the captains and chief officers of any armed vessel in the service of this State, are ordered and required to take effectual care that this resolve be carried into execution. And in case of seizure, the person or persons making the same are directed to give immediate notice to his Honor the Governor and receive his further orders touching the same. And that this resolve continue in force until the General Assembly or this Board order otherwise.

A copy was sent to the commanding officer of the forts at N. London August 17th, 1776, by the hand of B. Huntington.

[47] Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for two thousand one hundred and sixty-eight pounds twelve shillings and five pence, L. money, in favour Capt. Charles Walker of New Providence, it being for the purchase of a large Bermudian built sloop,* for the use of an armed vessel. £2168 12 5. *An order drawn and delivered to Capt. Charles Walker, August 16th, 1776.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favour of Capt. Adam Shapley for £63 8 0, for the bounty and first months wages of his men now inlisted into his company, he lodging or causing to be lodged a proper bond in due form for his faith[ful] use and accounting for such money as he shall draw out of the treasury. *Order delivered to Mr. Nathl Richards, August 16th, 1776.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table for fifty pounds in favour of Major John Ely, to be accounted for upon settling his accounts with the Pay-Table. *Order drawn and delivered to Nathl Richards, August 16th, 1776.*

Voted, That Mr. Hosmer is desired to employ some suitable person to apply to the furnaces for a sufficient number of pots and receivers of proper size and construction for making sulphur, and to take the directions of Mr. Thomas Bidwell therein as far as will be needful, and to do what shall be prudent and proper to expedite the procuring such pots &c. as soon as possible. And as the number and size ordered by the Assembly cannot be obtained, he is directed to procure such as can be had and so many as to answer the same purpose.

Voted, That the sheriff of New London county be and he is hereby directed to suffer the prisoners from the State of New

* This vessel took the name of the Defence, and is sometimes spoken of as the new Defence and its predecessor as the old Defence.

York now confined in Norwich goal to take the air abroad one or two days in each week, for their health, under the sheriff's own personal attendance and keeping; and that they may in the day time have the liberty of walking in the jail yard at the discretion of the sheriff.

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[48] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 17TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq[rs].

Voted, That his Honor the Governor be desired to order the Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer in favour of any one or two persons he shall approve to take charge of an armed vessel or vessels on the Lake, agreeable to the request of Major General Schuyler, for one hundred and eighty pounds, L. money, each, to enable them to pay the bounty, premium for guns and blankets, and first month's pay, to the seamen they may inlist.

Voted to allow the captains and recruiting officers now ordered to raise crews of seamen for service on the Lakes to the northward the sum of 8*s*., L. money, for each man they shall so inlist, for their expence in attending said business.

Voted, That Henry Billings of Norwich be and he is appointed Third Lieutenant of the armed brig Defence belonging to this State and First Prize-Master for the cruise on which said brig is now ordered. His wages to cease on condemnation of the first prize, or at the end of said cruise.

N. B. This was voted at a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety Aug. 20th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,
William Hillhouse,
Jed[h] Elderkin,
Nath[l] Wales,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq[rs].

Voted to draw an order on the Pay-Table in favour Capt. James Chamberlain, for advance wages of 20*s.* per man for his company now ordered to New York. *Order delivered to Capt. James Chamberlain August 20th, 1776.*

[49] *Voted,* That his Honor the Governor is authorized and desired to furnish Capt. McCall and Lt. Jacob DeWitt of Norwich with as many fire-arms and bayonets as they shall want to supply their men, out of the Colony arms in the hands of Mr. David Trumbull.

A return of officers for a company formed out of the gentlemen of the horse under command of Capt. James Chamberlain being made to his Honor the Governor and his Council of Safety, by which it appears that said company have chosen James Chamberlain for their Captain, Noah Chapin jun^{r} their Lieutenant, and Simon Chapman for their Ensign, which is approved, and it is therefore voted to accept and approve said officers, and they are hereby established in their several offices to which they are chosen to serve in said company as a foot company of militia in defence of these States until the present exigency is over. And his Honor is desired to commissionate them accordingly. *Commissions granted August 20th, 1776.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 21ST, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Richard Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs}.

An account exhibited by Mr. John Leffingwell of Norwich for sundry repairs of fire-arms and stocking six guns, amounting to £12 11 11. Said gun-stocks were charged at 12*s.* out of which 2*s.* on each gun-stock is deducted, which amounts to 12*s.* out said sum [50] of £12 11 11, which leaves the ‖ sum of £11 19 11, which is granted and allowed to said Mr. John Leffingwell on said account,

and an order is to be drawn for the same accordingly. *Order drawn August 21st, 1776, delivered to Col. Huntington.*

Mr. Jepson of Hartford applied to this Board for the purchase of four cannon, 6 pounders, at the furnace at Salisbury, for the use of a privateer; which being considered and the question put, whether this Board will at present admit the sale of said six cannon, and passed in the negative.

Voted, That a lieutenant, one sergeant and fifteen privates be detached from the company under command of Capt. Thomson at Black Rock in New Haven and go to Milford and there assist the inhabitants in building a fortification at the harbour in that place; and that the selectmen of Milford have liberty, at the expence of said town, to take four of the Colony's cannon from the furnace at Salisbury, *viz:* three nine-pounders and one twelve-pounder, if such are on hand or as soon as they can be obtained, and also one ton of shot suitable for said cannon, to be used in said fort till further orders from the General Assembly or the Governor and this Council. And if the General Assembly or Governor and Council aforesaid shall order said four cannon to any other place during the present contest, the expence of transporting said cannon &c. to be repaid to said town by the Colony. And the overseers of said furnace are hereby directed to deliver said cannon and shot accordingly. *Copy delivered to Mr. John Harpin, August 21st, 1776.*

Voted and ordered Isaac Doolittle & Co., owners of the powder-mill at N. Haven, to deliver three hundred weight of powder into the hands of the selectmen of Milford, taking their receipt to account with the Colony for the same. *Order delivered to Mr. John Harpin, August 21st, 1776.*

[51] Voted to draw an order on Col. Wm. Pitkin for three hundred weight of gun-powder, in favour of the selectmen of Chatham, taking their receipt to account for the same. *Order delivered Mr. Hosmer, August 21st, 1776.*

Voted to draw an order on Col. Wm. Pitkin for five hundred weight of gun-powder, in favour of the selectmen of Middletown, taking their receipt to account for the same. *Order delivered to Mr. Hosmer, August 21st, 1776.*

Voted to draw an order on Col. Wm. Pitkin for three hundred weight of gun-powder, in favour of Jabez Hamlin and Titus Hosmer, Esq^{rs}, and the rest of the committee for overseeing the lead-works at Middletown &c., keeping a proper account thereof. *Order delivered to Mr. Hosmer, August 21st, 1776.*

Voted to appoint Mr. Bela Elderkin of Windham, and he is hereby appointed, Second Lieutenant of Marines on board the ship of war belonging to this State.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 27TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,
Richard Law,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

James Jauncey, Esqr, of New York, being in this State by order of Genl Washington, and on his parole to continue in Middletown, applies for liberty to repair to West Chester in the State of New York and from thence to bring his and his son's families to Middletown: Whereupon it is voted, that the said James Jauncey, Esqr, has liberty to take with him such person or persons as shall [52] be advised to ‖ by Jabez Hamlin, Esqr, and repair to West Chester and from thence bring his wife and family, as also the wife and family of James Jauncey jun^r, Esqr, to Middletown aforesaid; making as little stay in the State of New York as may be in doing the business aforesaid.

Voted to draw an order on the Pay-Table for £110 14 0, in favour of Isaac Doolittle and Jeremiah Atwater of New Haven, owners of the powder-mill there, for making gun-powder for this State and to be in account, they standing accountable for what powder they have made, which they say is forty-one hundred weight, as well as for what they shall hereafter make. *Order given August 27th, 1776, delivered to Isaac Doolittle.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £300 0 0, in favour of Col. Jon^th Fitch of New Haven, to enable him to purchase cloathing and tents for the northern army, and to render his account; to be paid in continental bills, lodged in the treasury by Mr. Sherman, if any such in the treasury, or otherwise out of the proper treasury. *Order drawn August 27th, 1776, delivered to Isaac Doolittle.*

Voted, That Capt. Michael Melally be and he is hereby appointed First Lieutenant of the armed ship, Oliver Cromwell, belonging to

this State, and that his Honor the Governor be desired to commissionate him accordingly. *Commission sent him per Mr. Thos. Winthrop.*

Voted, That John Smith of East Hartford be and he is hereby appointed Third Lieutenant of the armed ship Oliver Cromwell, and his Honor the Governor is desired to commissionate him accordingly. *Commission granted, and dated 30th August, 1776.*

Voted, That John Chapman of New London be and he is hereby appointed Second Lieutenant of the armed ship Oliver Cromwell, and his Honor the Governor is desired to commissionate him accordingly. *Commission sent per Mr. Thos. Winthrop.*

[53] *Memorandum.* Orders to be given to forward camp kettles to the northward, as they are much wanted.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, AUGUST 28TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor,
Jz. Huntington,
Richard Law,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^rs.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £1000 0 0, in favour of Ebenezer Ledyard, Esqr, commissary of the troops at the fort in Groton, for supplies and buildings at that place, and to be in account. *Order drawn August 28th, 1776, delivered to Eb^r Ledyard, Esqr.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £625 4 0, in favour of Nathl Shaw jun^r, for money advanced by him to Capt. Harding of the brig Defence, in furnishing and fixing said brig for a cruise, to be in account for brig Defence. *Order drawn August 28th, 1776, delivered to Eben^r Ledyard, Esqr.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £600, in favour of Andrew Huntington, to enable him to purchase tents and cloathing for the northern army, to be paid in continental bills lodged by Mr. Sherman, and to be in account. *Order given August 28th, 1776, delivered to Eben^r Ledyard, Esqr.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £500, in favour of Joshua Elderkin, for supplies of tents and cloathing for the northern army, to be paid out of money lodged by Mr. Sherman, if any such, otherwise to be paid in the proper money of this State, and to be in account. *Order given August 28th, 1776, delivered to Ebenr Ledyard, Esqr.*

[54] Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £500, in favour of Samuel Squire, Esqr, for sundry supplies of tents and cloathing of the army in the northern department, to be paid out of the money lodged by Mr. Sherman, if any there be, or otherwise out of the money of the Colony. *Order drawn August 28th, 1776, delivered to Ebenr Ledyard, Esqr.*

Voted to order the sheriff of New London county to transport all the prisoners from Albany now confined in New London goal to Preston, there to be delivered into the care of the committee of inspection of Preston and to be kept on their parole, *viz:* William Pemberton, Alexander Campbell, Thomas Swords, Samuel Anderson, Joseph Anderson, to be supported at their own expence, and Walter Scott, John Scott, Jacob Timmerman, Nicholas Weaver, Ralph Watson, John Duzenbury, Frederick Williams, Henry Westenhousen, Dugall Campbell, Benjamin Grinman, Owen Conner, William McMullen, Israel Osburn and Samuel Messenger, to be allowed to labour for their support, under the inspection of the committee of Preston. *Order given to the sheriff. Do. given to the committee, August 28th, 1776.*

Memorandum, August 31st, 1776. Col. Huntington, Col. Elderkin, Major Hillhouse and Mr. Wales attended on business with his Honor the Governor.*

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* Gen. Washington had written to Gov. Trumbull Aug. 24th, requesting that a body of men from Connecticut be thrown across the Sound, to harass the enemy in their rear and upon their flanks. The Governor and Council on the 27th concluded to send Benj. Huntington and Maj. Ely to Long Island, to consult and agree with friends of the cause, in order to accomplish the general's wishes. The meeting of this day had reference to this affair. *Am. Archives*, 5th, i, 1143; *id.* ii, 97. Sparks *Letters to Washington*, i, 281.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Richd Law,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs},

His Honor the Governor gave an order on Capt. Samuel Squire to send 200 lb saltpeter to N. York to the care of Genl Wolcott, dated this day, and delivered to Dr. Turner to carry.

His Honor the Governor with advice of this Council gave orders to the commanding officers of the 3d, 5th, 8th, 11th. 12th, 20th, 21st and 25th regiments of militia in this State, forthwith to call [55] ‖ out their said regiments and see them equipped and marched to New London and have in readiness both officers to embark for Long Island and there to land in the most convenient place, to march from thence to the assistance of our army against the troops and mercenaries of the King of Great Britain on that island, or to be stationed at New London as occasion may require. All due pay and wages to be made by the Assembly of this State and by the United States of America in a just and equitable manner, as others of the militia lately sent from this State are treated.

His Honor the Governor by advice of this Council gave orders to Col. Erastus Wolcott of the regiment at the forts at New London, Groton &c, without delay to put his officers and soldiers stationed at New London and Groton in readiness, well equipped to embark for Long Island, and to see the Sound is so clear that they may with safety pass the same, and forthwith to embark with them and go upon the island and there co-operate with the forces on the island and from our army, to command them in such manner as to secure and defend the inhabitants, assist to dispose of the stock in such manner as shall be agreed upon, and to annoy the enemy in such sort as he shall be able, and to take with him six of the field pieces now at New London and order such as he may leave to follow to bring the residue to the number of six field pieces. to use his prudence in engaging men and take with him one of the captains and a suitable number of officers and twenty-five matrosses for the service. All due pay and wages are and

will be made by the Assembly of this State and by the United States of America in a just and equitable manner, as others of the militia lately sent from this State are treated.

Gave orders to Mr. Nath[l] Shaw jun[r], to supply the troops going to Long Island with stores of powder and transports for their use; and in particular, that he employ a sloop belonging to Capt. Jabez Perkins, which has already been engaged for that service.

Gave an order to Capt. John Deshon to provide bread, flour and other provisions necessary for the troops going from this State on to Long Island.

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[56] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 2D, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Jabez Huntington,
Richard Law,
Jed[h] Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nath. Wales jun[r],
Benj. Huntington, } Esq[rs].

On intelligence received by Col. Marsh from New York that our troops have withdrawn from the islands near N. York, and about to make a stand at some more convenient place, his Honor the Governor sent orders to Col. Erastus Wolcott at N. London, not to embark for Long Island until further orders.

Col. Jed[h] Elderkin exhibited his account of several journeys to New London and Salisbury on service of this State, on which a balance appears to be due to him £12 19 5, which is allowed; and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the said sum of £12 19 5, in favour of said Col. Elderkin in balance of the above sum. *Order delivered to Col. Elderkin Sept. 2d, 1776.*

Col. Jed[h] Elderkin exhibited an account of his son Mr. Bela Elderkin of £6 12 8, for service done in setting the furnace at Salisbury to work, which is allowed; and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the above sum of £6 12 8, in favour of Bela Elderkin, in full of said account. *Order delivered to Col. Elderkin Sept. 2d, 1776.*

Copy of the two above votes given Colo. Elderkin Sept. 1, 1783.

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[57] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 3D, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Jabez Huntington,
Richard Law,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £300 0 0, in favour of Capt. Uriah Hayden, towards building the ship Oliver Cromwell, and to be in account. *Order drawn Sept. 3d, 1776, delivered to Capt. Hayden.*

Voted, That Jabez Huntington, Richard Law, Jed^h Elderkin, William Hillhouse, Nathl Wales jun^r, Benj Huntington, Esq^rs, be appointed, desired and impowered, to repair immediately to New London as a committee, to observe the circumstances of our troops there, the state of the Sound, whether infested with the enemy or not, and to consider and direct what measures are best to be taken with regard to the inhabitants and stock on Long Island, how to rescue them from the hands of the enemy, and to determine with regard to throwing troops upon said island.

They are also impowered to take care that suitable stores of ammunition, provision and every necessary be made thereon according to the determinations they shall make and the orders they shall give to Col. Wolcott and others concerned therein.

They are also to take into consideration and give directions concerning the vessel belonging to the Colony wherein Capt. Harding lately sailed, to order, if they see fit, that she be fitted for a guard vessel at the harbour of New London and on the Sound, and report what they find and the directions and orders they shall give to the Governor and Committee of Safety on Thursday next.

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[58] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Honble Mathew Griswold.
Eliphalet Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Richd Law,
Wm. Hilhouse,
Titus Hosmer,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
} Esq^rs.

Voted, That all the troop of horse in this Colony that are east of Connecticut River be ordered forthwith to march toward New York, as far as West Chester, there to wait further orders, in order to co-operate with the continental troops in defending against our common enemies.

Voted, That the persons at New London that were directed by this Board to reside at East Haddam have liberty to go and reside at Middletown upon their parole already given, and said Sherbrook to reside at Wethersfield upon his parole aforesaid, until further orders.

New London, September 4th, 1776.

The committee appointed Septr 3d 1776, to repair to New London, to observe the circumstances of our troops there &c, having this day met at New London &c.

This committee finding Long Island to be in the hands of the enemy and the islanders in great distress removing themselves and effects, on consideration advise the committees of inspection of New London and Groton to pursue the advice and answer the requisition of the Congress of New York* with regard to assisting the inhabitants of Long Island to come off with their effects to the main. And in order to this, the committee further advise and recommend to Col. Wolcott, to put as many of his men on board the transports as will be thought sufficient to assist and guard them in prosecuting this design. And further advise the armed vessels now in this harbour to go as convoys to the transports, and that the same be done without delay.

Attest, BENJ. HUNTINGTON, Committee Clerk.

* *Journal of the New York Provincial Congress*, i, 598.

[59] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Jabez Huntington, Richard Law, Eliph^t Dyer, Jed^h Elderkin, Titus Hosmer, Wm. Hillhouse, Nath. Wales jun^r, Benj. Huntington, } Esq^rs.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £80 0 0, in favour of Wm. Lax, to enable him to carry on the work of making carriages for cannon for this State and to be in account. *Order drawn Sept. 6th, 1776, delivered to Col. Jz. Huntington.*

Voted to appoint Thursday the 19th day of September, 1776, to be kept and observed as a day of publick Fasting and Prayer throughout this State.*

His Honor the Governor with advice of this Council gave orders to the 3d, 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 20th, 21st, 25th and 7th regiments of militia, and to the 2d and 4th regiments of horse in this State, forthwith without delay to call out their regiments and see them well equipped, both officers and men, and march toward N. York and rendezvous at or near West Chester and there wait till further orders, in order to be ready to co-operate with the continental army in the best manner, to defeat the purposes of our enemies, who appear to be endeavouring to throw over a force upon the main to cut off our communication with New York both by land and water. Twenty shillings per man to be paid before or on their march.

[60] Whereas the militia of this State upon the east side of Connecticut River is ordered to march towards New York, to rendezvous at or near West Chester which troops will want to be provided for with provisions and all necessary camp utensils, tents &c.: Voted therefore, that Jonathan Fitch and Samuel Squire, Esq^rs, be and they are hereby ordered and directed to make all the

* The proclamation is printed in full in *Stuart's Life of Trumbull*, 272.

necessary provisions and preparations aforesaid. *Copy delivered to Mr. Law Sept. 6th, 1776.*

Voted and resolved, That two companies of the regiment at New London and Groton under command of Col. Erastus Wolcott, Esqr, be detached by said Col. Wolcott and marched toward New York with the militia now ordered out into actual service there, and that they join themselves to the regiment of militia under command of Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr. colonel; and that John Ely, Esqr, major of Col. Wolcott's regiment, do proceed with said two companies and take command in the regiment to which they are ordered to join as aforesaid, in his proper rank as major and second in command of the same; and that the place of said two companies in Col. Wolcott's regiment be supplied by such men from Col. Coit's and Col. Saltonstall's regiments of militia as are not and cannot at present be armed and equipped for immediate service against an enemy.

Voted, That a guard consisting of fifteen men be stationed at the mouth of Connecticut River, on the Lyme side: that Ensign John Griswold of said Lyme be and he is hereby appointed the officer of said guard, and that he do immediately proceed to inlist said guard out of the militia or other able bodied men; and that said guard when in actual service shall be allowed the same wages as other troops of this Colony have and receive, and shall also be allowed and paid nine pence per day for their billeting and subsistance.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the sum of £44 1 3, in favour of Capt. William Tyley, for a cask of Jamaica spirit by him bought of Capt. John Chenevard for the Colony's use. *Order drawn Sept. 9th, 1776, delivered to Mr. Hosmer.*

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[61] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, September 7th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph^{t} Dyer,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs}.

In the forenoon sundry letters from the northward, received by Brown, were read and considered, as well as several letters and dispatches sent out to forward the marching the militia on the east side of the river toward New York

An order was given to William Morgan, Esqr, to purchase 200 fat sheep and drive to the army at the northward, and deliver the same to the commissary in that department or by the order of Genl Waterbury, with encouragement that if the money is wanted to purchase the sheep, the same shall be paid said Morgan out of the treasury as he passes through Hartford.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Elip^{t} Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Benj. Huntington,

Voted to give, and accordingly gave, orders to Capt. Zebadiah Smith, master of the prize schooner Elizabeth and Hannah, (now at Newport) lately taken and sent in by the armed schooner Spy,* to embrace the first fair wind and weather when the coast is clear of the enemy, and proceed with said prize to N. London and up to Norwich, and take the necessary steps to procure a legal condemnation to be pass'd thereon as soon as may be.

[62] *Voted and resolved*, That one of the Committee of Pay-Table be appointed to receive out of the treasury a sufficient sum of

* New London, September 13. Yesterday returned here from a cruize the armed schooner Spy, Capt. Robert Niles, belonging to the State of Connecticut, and brought in with him the schooner Mary and Elizabeth, commanded by Capt. Bruce, bound from Barbadoes to Halifax; her cargo consists of 52 hogsheads of rum, and 8 do. of sugar. About 18 days ago Capt Niles took the ship Hope, Capt. Quince, burthen 270 tons, bound from St. Vincents to London; her cargo consists of 257 hogsheads of sugar, 32 puncheons of rum, some molasses, cocoa and coffee, and may be daily expected into some port. *Courant*, No. 608, Sept. 16, 1776.

money to pay the twenty shillings to each man of the militia now ordered to march towards New York, and repair with the same to New Haven and there pay to the colonel or chief officer of each regiment the sum of twenty shillings for each man his regiment shall consist of, taking his receipt for the same: the said sum to be paid over by such colonel or chief officer to the soldiers of his regiment, (that is to say,) twenty shillings to each soldier. And his Honor the Governor is desired to write to the Committee of Pay-Table and give them orders accordingly.

Voted, That Mr. Martin Leffingwell be and he is hereby directed to deliver out to the selectmen of Norwich the arms contained in a chest of arms left in his care last spring by one Mr. Lay of Lyme, taking care to have them prized and a particular account of the price, mark and number of each gun, cartouch-box &c., and to whom delivered in the present service for which said arms are now taken, with the marks heretofore sent.

It is directed that the selectmen of the towns proceed upon usual plan for furnishing the men now ordered to march, and that those men who have ball fitted for their own guns make use of them.

Voted, That Messrs. Elderkin & Wales be desired to send forward one ton of the Connecticut powder in their possession, to the care of Col. Jonathan Fitch of New Haven for the use of the publick.

[63] *Voted*, That the two prisoners in the hands of Lt. Col. Livingston at Saybrook, if on examination they are found culpable, be committed to the care of the committee of inspection at Saybrook and by them conveyed to the care of the committee of inspection at Colchester, to be kept on their parole or in such way as they find most convenient, until further orders.

At a meeting of the Governor and Council, September 10th, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliphalet Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Jed^h Elderkin,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
} Esq^rs.

Voted and resolved, That the military companies in the first and third societies in Saybrook be excused from marching toward New York with the regiment they belong to at present, and that they remain at home to assist in erecting the fort there till further orders. *Copy delivered Capt. Samuel Shipman.*

This Board do appoint Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq, Brigadier-General of the nine regiments of militia of this State now ordered to march towards New York and rendezvous at or near West Chester. And his Honor the Governor is desired to grant him a commission accordingly.

This Board do appoint Oliver Smith, Esqr, to be Lieutenant-Colonel of the 8th regiment of militia for the present expedition towards New York, and desire his Honor the Governor to grant him a commission accordingly. And it is further resolved and ordered, that said Smith do proceed with said regiment on the present expedition towards New York.

Voted and resolved. That the first and second companies of militia in the town of New London be excused from marching with the regiment towards New York and be permitted to stay at home for the defence of the port and harbour of New London.

This Board do appoint Doctor Thomas Gray to be Surgeon's Mate and Physician of the ship Oliver Cromwell, and his Honor the Governor is desired to give him a warrant accordingly.

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[64] AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliph^{t} Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Titus Hosmer,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Benj. Huntington, } Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That a draught be made on the Pay-Table for the sum of £500 0 0, in favour of Ebenezer Backus, Esqr, major and commander of the 2d and 4th regiments of horse now ordered to march towards New York, to enable him to provide for and sup-

port the gentlemen of the horse under his command on said expedition: he giving his receipt to be accountable therefor. *Order drawn Septr 11th, 1776, delivered to Major Backus.*

Voted, That the Committee of Pay-Table be and they are hereby directed to liquidate the accounts of the selectmen of the several towns incurred in furnishing the militia with guns and other warlike stores and equipments for service and draw for the payment thereof in the same [manner] as was directed by the General Assembly for the troops last raised by them.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Elip^t Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Titus Hosmer.
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington,
Jed^h Elderkin,
} Esq^rs.

Voted, That the selectmen of the town of New Haven have liberty, at the expence of said town, to take three of the twelve-pounders at the furnace at Salisbury, for the use of the fortifications at N. Haven, also one ton of shot assorted for the cannon at said forts. Said cannon and shot to be made use of at said New [65] Haven || until further orders from the General Assembly or the Governor and Council of Safety. And if the General Assembly or Governor and Council aforesaid shall see fit to order said three cannon and shot to any other use during the present contest, the expence of transporting said cannon and shot from Salisbury to be paid by the State to said town of N. Haven. And the overseers of said furnace are directed to deliver said cannon and shot accordingly. *Copy delivered to Capt. Timo. Jones Septr 12th, 1776.*

Voted and ordered, That Mr. Hosmer do, as soon as may be, procure some proper person to proceed directly to Symsbury and Salisbury, if needful, and forward the six-pound cannon that are ready there to Hartford or Middletown, with shot for them, and assist and consult with Mr. Humphrey therein, and in the mean-

time procure proper carriages for them; also to bring the swivels and proper shot for them and have twenty of the swivels swivelled at Hartford or Middletown. And the overseer of the furnace at Salisbury is ordered to deliver such cannon, swivels and shot accordingly. *Copy delivered to Mr. Hosmer Septr 12th, 1776.*

Memorandum. Septr. 17th, 1776. Wm. Hillhouse and Benj. Huntington, Esq^rs, attended to do business in Council, the other gentlemen not attending. Richd Law, Esqr, arrived from Milford in the evening.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliphalet Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Richard Law,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington,
Titus Hosmer, *came p. m.*
} Esq^rs.

Voted, That an order be given to Col. Porter to cast proper wheels and a bed for a powder-mill for Col. Wm. Pitkin & Co., for the use of their powder works at Hartford, taking the direction of Col. Pitkin for the model thereof.

[66] Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £220 0 0, in favour of Col. Wm. Pitkin, for making of powder, and to be in account. *Order drawn Septr 18th, 1776.*

Voted, That this Council do advise his Honor the Governor to grant to Mr. James Church of Hartford a permit to export a cargo of the value of sixty or seventy pounds to the foreign West Indies, for the purpose of purchasing a load of salt, to be brought into this State for supplying the inhabitants with that article.

Upon the representation of Col. Samuel Coit, of the 8th regiment of militia in this State, that he by reason of age and infirmity is unable to serve in the present expedition as a colonel in the militia now ordered to New York, praying his Honor the Governor to release him &c.: Voted and resolved, that said Col. Coit be and he

is hereby excused from said service in the present expedition, and he has liberty to return home accordingly.

Voted, That this Council do approve of an order drawn by his Honor the Governor on the Pay Table in favour of Col. Jonathan Fitch for £1000 0 0, dated Septr 13th, 1776, to be in account.

Voted, That this Council do approve of an order drawn by his Honor the Governor Septr 17th, 1776, upon Col. Wm. Pitkin for forty pounds of powder, in favour of Mr. Asahel Case of Norfolk, for town stock, to be delivered at 5*s.* 4*d.* per pound.

[67] Voted to draw an order on the Pay-Table for £50 0 0, in favour of Capt. Elijah Hyde. to enable him to advance in part of wages for the gentlemen of the horse under his command on their expedition to N. York, and to be in account.

Voted to desire his Honor the Governor to draw on Lt. Col. Livingston for eight guns, for the use of the gentlemen of the horse on their expedition to N. York.

Voted, That his Honor the Governor is desired to draw on the Pay-Table to amount of twenty shillings per man of the gentlemen of the horse on their expedition toward New York, who are to march under command of Capt. Andrew Lathrop of Norwich. Said order to be in his favour and to be in account.

Whereas great numbers of our distressed friends, inhabitants of Long Island, by advice and request of the Convention of New York have fled and escaped from the enemy there, and more are still expected from thence into this State in a destitute and helpless condition and stand in need of assistance of the people here for their support, there being no law of this State which fully extends to their case: Wherefore it is

Voted and resolved by this Council, That the committees of inspection in the several towns where such distressed people come be and they are hereby advised to provide such things as they shall judge necessary for the support of the people aforesaid, until the sitting of the General Assembly in October next, keeping an exact account of their expences thereof, and that they lay the same with the circumstances of those people before said Assembly for such orders and advice as they shall give thereon.

[68] It being represented to this Board that many of the troops from this State are returning home sick and wounded, and that they are exposed to suffer for want of proper accommodations and refreshments,

Voted and resolved, That convenient Hospitals be provided for

the reception and accommodation of the troops returning from the army at and near New York, who are sick, on furlough or discharged. That one or more such hospitals be procured in every town betwixt New Haven and Kingsbridge in the State of New York. That a suitable person be employed at each of said hospitals, whose duty it shall be to see that the same be furnished with provisions and refreshments for the use of the sick and wounded soldiers that may be received there, and that they be properly attended and taken care of therein. That the selectmen in the towns from New Haven to Greenwich be appointed and impowered on behalf of this State, to take up and provide such hospitals in their respective towns, and to procure proper persons to oversee and furnish such hospitals as aforesaid, and also to examine into the state and circumstances of sick soldiers belonging to this State on the road home, and to afford them such assistance as they judge necessary; and that Mr. Elkanah Tisdale be appointed to provide such hospitals in the State of New York and appoint overseers to furnish them as aforesaid. That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table to draw upon the Treasurer to pay said Elkanah Tisdale the sum of £100, lawful money. to enable him on his part to carry this resolve into execution, and render his account of the same. And that said Tisdale do communicate and leave attested copies of this resolve with the several selectmen aforesaid, and that he do also advise with and ask the assistance of the committees in the State of New York, and also of General Washington, (if necessary,) in executing this resolve as aforesaid. *Order drawn and delivered Mr. Tisdale September 20th, 1776.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY HELD IN LEBANON ON THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
His Honor the Deputy Governor.
Eliphalet Dyer, Jabez Huntington, Titus Hosmer, Nath[l] Wales jun[r], } Esquires.

Voted to allow Mr. Elkanah Tisdale, for his service in procuring hospitals for sick soldiers returning from New York, six shillings *per diem* with his expences and horse hire.

[69] *Voted*, That an account now exhibited by Noadiah Hubbard of Middletown, for carting a load of cloathing from Middletown to the northern army, amounting in the whole to £31 13 8, be allowed, and that an order be drawn on the Pay-Table accordingly. *Order drawn and delivered Chauncey Whittlesey*, eodem die.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table to draw on the Treasurer in favour of Mr. Chauncey Whittelsey for the sum of twelve hundred pounds, to enable him to pay for the goods he hath already purchased for cloathing for the continental army, and to enable him to continue his purchases for that purpose. *Order drawn and delivered to Mr. Whittlesey*, eodem die.

Sept 24th, 1776. Col. Jabez Huntington, Col. Jed. Elderkin, Titus Hosmer and Nathl Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, met and assisted his Honor the Governor in business of the publick.

Sept. 25th, 1776. Col. Jabez Huntington, Col. Jed^{h} Elderkin, Titus Hosmer and Nathl Wales jun^{r}, Esq^{rs}, met and assisted his Honor the Governor in business of the publick.

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[70] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety, September 26, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliphalet Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Richard Law,
Wm. Hilhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Titus Hosmer,
Benj. Huntington,
} Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That an order be drawn on the Pay-Table in favour of Capt. Wm. Coit, commander of the ship Oliver Cromwell, for six hundred pounds, L. money, for the Colony use. *Order drawn Sept. 26, 1776.*

Voted, That an order be drawn on Pay-Table in favour of Capt. Ephraim Bill, for three hundred pounds, L. money, to be on account ship Oliver Cromwell. *Order drawn Sept. 26, 1776.*

Voted to draw an order on Messrs. Elderkin & Wales for te pounds of powder to be delivered to Mr. Simeon Tucker of th

State of Rhode Island, he paying 5*s*. 4*d*. per pound for the same. *Order given Sept. 26th, 1776, delivered to Mr. Wales.*

Mr. Benjamin Henshaw of Middletown exhibited his account of a journey of himself and expence to Salisbury and transporting five tons of guns from thence to Middletown, amounting to £31 6 10½. which is allowed, and voted an order on the Pay-Table for the same. *Order drawn Sept 26th, 1776, delivered to Mr. Hosmer.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for five hundred pounds, in favour of Col. Joshua Porter, to enable him to carry on the publick works at the furnace at Salisbury, and to be in account. *Order drawn Sept. 26th, 1776, delivered to Hez. Fitch, Esq*r.

[71] *Voted*, That the overseers of the furnace be directed to cast six and four pounders until the sitting of the Assembly or until further orders from the Assembly or this Council.

Voted, That Messrs John Hudson & Co. from Long Island be encouraged to depend on purchasing four four-pounder cannon and four swivels from this State as soon as they can be cast and finished. And the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury are hereby directed to deliver the same to them accordingly, they paying the customary price therefor.

Voted, That Messrs. Lyon & Co. at East Haddam be encouraged to depend on purchasing two six-pounders and eight four-pounders of cannon from this State as soon as they can be cast, for their privateer. And the overseers of the furnace are directed to deliver them accordingly at the price given by others for cannon of the same sizes.

Voted, That Capt. Jabez Perkins be encouraged to depend on purchasing two four-pounders of cannon from this State as soon as they can be cast, for the use of his privateer or letter of marque. And the overseers of the furnace are directed to deliver the same accordingly, at the customary price.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, SEPTEMBER 27TH. 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph. Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Rich[d] Law,
Titus Hosmer,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nath[l] Wales jun[r],
Benj. Huntington,
Jed[h] Elderkin,
} Esq[rs].

Voted, That the overseers of the furnace at Salisbury be and they are hereby directed to deliver to the agents for building the continental ship at Chatham twenty-four twelve-pounders and six six or four-pounders of cannon: they receiving the same at said furnace and paying at the rate of £3 10 0 per hundred weight for the twelve pounders, and £4 0 0 per weight for the smaller cannon. *Order delivered to Mr. Dean Sept. 27th, 1776.*

[72] Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £30 0 0, to enable him* to go on to General Washington with Governors Brown and Skeen, to deliver them to the care of the general and to render his account. *Order drawn Sept. 27th and inclosed in a letter per Mr. Hosmer.*

Upon the memorial of Isaac Doolittle and others, inhabitants of the town of New Haven, setting forth the fears and apprehensions they are under on account of sundry persons suspected to be inimical to the liberties of America; praying this Board to take [the] matter up and order and decree such suspected persons to be removed &c., as per memorial dated Sept. 17th, 1776.

Voted, That the consideration of said memorial and the matters therein contained be referred to the Hon. General Assembly to be holden at New Haven on the second Thursday of October next, and that in the mean time a citation go forth thereon, to cite said suspected persons therein complained of, to appear before said Assembly to make answer thereto; and that the civil authority, selectmen and committee of inspection for said town be directed to make enquiry and collect the evidences relating thereto and lay

* Capt. John Skinner, *Rev. War*, vi, 390, 404.

the same before said Assembly, that justice may be done thereon.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for ten pounds in favour of Lt. Thomas Bill, to enable him to take up deserters from Col. Burrels battalion and return them to their duty, and render his account. *Order drawn Sept. 27th, 1776, delivered to Lt. Bill.*

Voted, That Lieutenant Thomas Bill is directed and impowered to take up all deserters from Col. Burrel's regiment which may be found in this State and return them to their corps. And all persons are hereby required to afford him such assistance as shall be needful in effecting the same.

Voted, That Dr. Joshua Elderkin of Windham be impowered and directed to provide a sufficient quantity of tow cloth for one [73] hundred and forty hammocks for the ship Oliver Cromwell, ‖ and that he forward what tow cloth he has on hand and purchase a further quantity, if to be had soon. for said use, to the amount of four hundred yards in the whole, and forward the same to Capt. Bill for said purpose.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF SAFETY, OCTOBER FIRST, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.
Eliph^t Dyer,
Jz. Huntington,
Richd Law,
Jed^h Elderkin, } Esq^rs.
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^r,
Benj. Huntington,

Voted, That the overseers of the furnace be directed to cast a suitable proportion of four-pound shot for the cannon cast there, and that Capt. Jabez Perkins of Norwich be permitted to purchase about forty or fifty of those shot for the two cannon he is to have: provided it can be done without interrupting the casting of cannon.

Voted, That Mr. Andrew Huntington of Norwich be permitted to purchase at the furnace at Salisbury two four-pounders and six swivels with shot suitable for them: he paying four pounds per

* A copy of the memorial referred to is in *Rev. War*, v, 425. It is printed in *Am. Archives*, 5th, ii, 374.

hundred weight for the cannon and the customary price for the shot and swivels.

Voted, That it be recommended to the committee of inspection of the town of Norwich to proceed relative to the people, stock &c. brought from Long Island into their jurisdiction, in the same manner that the committees of other towns on the sea coasts may reasonably do thereon, agreeable to the request and resolution of the Convention of the State of New York and in like manner as the rest, to lay their accounts before the said Convention.

On the memorial of William Hubbard and Joseph Howland: Voted, that it be certified to all concerned that the persons named in the foregoing memorial, *viz.* the said William Hubbard, Joseph Howland and John Breed, with the said Jabez Perkins jun^{r}, have been at all times and still are reputed friends to the United States of America: That in December last a vessel was permitted to carry provisions from Norwich to Liverpool in Nova Scotia, the inhabitants there being deemed friends to these States. *Copy delivered to Mr. Howland.*

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[74] At a meeting of the Governor and Council of Safety October 2d, 1776.

Present: His Honor the Governor.

Eliph^{t} Dyer,
Jabez Huntington,
Richard Law,
Wm. Hillhouse,
Nathl Wales jun^{r},
Benj. Huntington,
Jed^{h} Elderkin,
} Esq^{rs}.

Voted, That the Spy, commanded by Capt. Niles, be ordered and directed to get ready with all possible dispatch and to cruise in the Sound betwixt Montack Point and Stamford, in order to watch the movements of our enemies and to give intelligence in the easiest and best manner for the security of the navigation belonging to the United States and of the towns upon the Sound and to annoy our enemies, until further orders.

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for fifteen hundred pounds, in favor of Capt. John Deshon of New London, to enable him to provide for the troops there, and to render his accounts. £1500. *Order drawn October 2d, 1776, and delivered to Peter Christophers.*

Voted, That Serjeant John Spencer of Capt. Wells's company in Col. Wolcott's regiment, and also seven or eight seamen or marines of the same, be permitted to inlist on board the ship Oliver Cromwell, and that others may be inlisted in their stead in said regiment if they can be without premium.

Whereas the great cry and want of the necessary article of salt threatens to disturb the publick peace and safety of the State, that it makes it absolutely necessary in order to supply both the publick and private necessities of the people, and that in the most private and speedy method: Therefore voted and resolved, that a suitable number of vessels be provided at publick expence to be sent under convoy in order to get a speedy supply of that article. And Capt. John Deshon is appointed as an Agent to carry this resolve into execution.

[75] **Instructions to Capt. John Deshon.**

You are hereby instructed and ordered forthwith to impress and cause to be appraised the schooner Hannah and Elizabeth, which was taken by Capt. Robert Niles of the armed schooner Spy belonging to this State, and take up and have appraised five hundred tons more of vessels from about sixty to about one hundred tons burden, which are good for sailing and well found, and see them suitably manned and supplied with provisions and suitable cargoes for purchasing the salt, to go out at your discretion and direction as to their sailing and place of destination. They are to be guarded and protected by an armed vessel, for which end you are to advise the Governor and Council of Safety for their orders to such one as they shall see fit. You are to do the whole with the greatest secrecy and dispatch.

To Captain John Deshon of New London. Greeting:

You are hereby authorized and impowered to take up or impress five hundred tons of vessels from about sixty to about one hundred tons, good for sailing and well found, and have them appraised by suitable persons under oath, for publick service. For which this shall be your warrant.

Voted, That his Honor the Governor be desired to appoint such persons as he shall think proper, to be Master of the ship Oliver Cromwell; also any other officer that shall be wanted; and also, to give such orders for medicine on board said ship as shall be wanted.

Voted, That Dr. Samuel Lee of Windham be and he is hereby appointed Surgeon and Physician on board the ship Oliver Cromwell.

Dr. Benj. Dyer exhibited an account of sundry drugs &c. by him supplied for the use of this State, to amount of £57 11 10, which is allowed, and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the same in his favour. *Order drawn October 2d, 1776, delivered to Col. Dyer.*

[76] Jabez Huntington, Esqr, exhibited two accounts of sundries supplied and services done for the publick, amounting to £171 6 10½. which is allowed, and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the same. *Order drawn October 2d, 1776, delivered to Benj. Huntington.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £300 0 0, in favour of Dr. Joshua Elderkin, to enable him to purchase clothing &c for the publick, and to be in account. *Order drawn and delivered to Col. Elderkin Octo. 2d, 1776.*

Voted to draw on the Pay-Table for £300 0 0, in favour of Mr. Andrew Huntington, to enable him to purchase clothing &c. for the publick, and to be in account. *Order drawn Octo. 2d, 1776, taken by B. Huntington.*

Benj. Huntington of Norwich exhibited his account of sundry services and expences for this State, which is allowed, being £25 8 7, and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the same. *Order drawn and taken by himself Octob. 2d, 1776.*

Prosper Wetmore, Esqr, sheriff of New London county, exhibited an account of transporting one Bazel Bouderot from Norwich to Wooster in the State of the Massachusetts, amounting to £8 17 0, which is allowed, and voted to draw on the Pay-Table for the same. *Order drawn Octob. 2d, 1776, taken by B. Huntington.*

APPENDIX.

PORTIONS OF COUNCIL JOURNALS, 1663-1710.

I.

COUNCIL JOURNAL, 1663–1665.

This record of the Governor and Council was entered by Secretary John Allyn in a book which was rebound a few years ago and lettered *Colonial Records, New England*, 1664–1702.

The Council was constituted by an act of the General Assembly held March 11th, 1662–3, which was repealed at the session held April 20th, 1665. *Ante*, vol. i, 397, 440.

A session of the Council July 10th, 1663, recorded in this book, is also found in the Public Records and printed *ante*, vol. i, 406–7, and therefore here omitted.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL AT HARTFORD, OCTOB^{R}. 31TH, 1663.

John Winthrop Esqr Gov.
Mr Math Allyn
Mr Sam. Willys.
Capt John Tallcott.
L^{nt} John Allyn.

Vpon the motion and request of o^{r} freinds of Saybrook, the Councill did thinke it conuenient to express there apprehensions as followeth,

1. That they desire the towne of Saybrook and the people that intend to plant Homonoscitt doe agree about the bownds between them.

2. If they cannot agree that then they apply themselues to the Courte in March next ye 2^{d} Thursday, for the layeing out of their bownds.

3. The Councill doth declare that it is their apprehensions that the towne of Saybrooke should first be considered and haue their bownds layd out, so as may be for there comfort, and proportionable wth other plantations.

4. It is their desire that the people intending to plant Homonoscitt in the interim (till the bownds be layd out) doe not expend any charge or labour upon any other then the lands of Homonoscitt.

This Councill doe declare that as farr as it lyes in their power they doe grant Mr Westall of Saybrook liberty to sell liq^{rs} and wine to his neighbours, so he doe not suffer men to tiple in his house contrary to lawe.

Seuerall complaynts being made of Jacob Mygatts troublesome carriage and the wasting and spoyleing of his goods and estate &c.

the Councill haueing considered the same doe judge it meet that he be kept in safe custody by Daniel Garrad untill he doth receiue farther order.

AT A COUNCILL HELD AT HARTFORD, DECEMB^R 14. 1663.

John Winthrop Esqr Goun^r.
Mr Allyn,
Mr Willys,
Capt. Tallcott,
Mr Woolcott,
Mr Clarke,
Lt John Allyn.

Mr Mathew Allyn test. that he heard Mr Edward Hopkins in court demand moneys which he sayd was due to him from the countrey for what he had disbursed upon ye mortgage of Long Island, from Farrett, and also that the Court were willing they should have what East Hampton was to give for ye purchase of there towne. Taken upon oath before the Councill this 14th of December 1663

Capt John Scott test. that he heard Mr Eaton (speakeing of Long Island) say that he had wth other gent^n layd out money upon the mortgage of Long Island, but he did it for the good of the countrey, and he sayd Much good may it doe them, God bless them wth it; this he spake when they were about setleing of Huntington. Taken upon oath before the Councill this 14th of December 1663.

Wm Wadsworth test. that he heard Mr Haynes and Mr Hopkins treat wth the Court of this Colony, about laying out money for the mortgage of Long Island, and they sayd they would not doe it w^thout ye Court would order them to doe it, and what they did doe it was for the publique good. Taken upon oath before the Councill ye 14th Decem. 63.

Mr Sam^ll Willys doth resigne up his interest in the mortgage of Long Island, to the Colony of Conecticut, trusting that they will consider him wth some thing that may be a valuable consideration, and that he will deliuer the mortgage itselfe to the Secretary, whoe is ordered by the Councill to record it in the book of records: and the Councill doth order that what part of the sume disburst is yet unpayd shall be duely sattisfyed for by the Islanders w^thin the bounds of the mortgage.*

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* The patent given by the Plymouth Company to the Earl of Sterling in 1635 is printed in *Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York*, xiv, 29. The mortgage of Long Island by James Farrett to George Fenwick, John Haynes, George Wyllys, Edward Hopkins, Theophilus Eaton, Stephen Goodyear and Thomas Gregson, July 29th, 1641, is recorded in the first volume of our Colonial Records, (MS.) p. 319. It is printed, with some inaccuracies, in Thompson's *History of Long Island*, ii, 311. A certified copy of the power of attorney from the Earl of Sterling to James Farrett, April 20th, 1637, is in our archives, *Towns & Lands*, i, 6. Quotations from it are in Thompson's *History*, i, 117. In October, 1668, the General Court ordered the Secretary to deliver unto Mr Wyllys and Mr. Jones the mortgage of Long Island, for the use of those concerned. *Ante*, vol. ii, 93. By a letter from Samuel Wyllys to Fitz John Winthrop, December 25th, 1697, it seems that satisfaction had not been made at that date. *Mass. Historical Soc. Collections*, liii, 32.

This Court doth nominate and appoynt Captn John Scott to be a com^{r}: for the towne of Ashford, and he is invested with magistraticall power throughout the Island, and had the commissioners oath administred to him in the Council.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL AT HARTFORD, DECEMB^{R} 17TH 1663.

John Winthrop Esqr. Govn^{r}:
Mr Allyn
Mr Willys
Mr Woolcott
Capt Tallcott
L^{nt} John Allyn
Mr Treat.

Whereas severall of the English inhabitance on the west end of Long Island haue asserted his Majesties royall interest, by theire proclamation of his Majestie to be their lawfull soueraigne &c. and haue made their seuerall addresses to the Gen^{ll} Assembly and Councill of this Colony, for councill direction and protection, pleading that they conceiue themselues wthin the bownds of o^{r} charter, and desireing that they may haue some order for gouernment establisht amongst them by the Gouernour and Councill of this Colony, his Majesties deputies:

This Councill doth desire and appoynt Mr Willys, Captn Tallcott, Capt. Scott, Mr Richards and Captn Young, or any three of them, to goe ouer to Long Island and treat wth L. Stiuerson if he please to giue them a meeting near the Manathass, according to instructions giuen them.

The afoarsayd committe or any three of them haue hereby power to treat wth the English plantations on the western end of Long Island, and setle matters there according to instructions giuen them.

They are also to giue their best advice to the people of the s^{d} island that they may agree joyntly to make sattisfaction for the papers in Major Leueritts hand, and for the payment what is behind of the mortgage.

Instructions.

1 You are to enquire by what right Stiuerson claymes the English plantations.

2 You are to demand a reason why they threatened his Majesties good subjects for asserting his royall interest there.

3 To demand the reason why they did in such a hostill maner persue and affront his Majesties subjects when they were in the persuit of theire lawfull occations beyound the Manathas, and informe them that their carriage therin will not be forgotten, nor born long.

4 If the English plantations on the west end of Long Island doe continnue there desires to shrowd themselues under this gouerm^{t}, then you are to order the people or major part of them to chuse two able and judicious men, or appoynt them yourselves in each towne, where the major part submitts, to serue as com^{rs} and one

for constable pro tempore, and untill they haue farther order, and to administer oath to them for the faythfull execution of there office.

5 You are to informe them that they are to gouern the people in their respectiue townes according to such orders they haue all-ready establisht amongst themselues, not contradictory to ye tenour of the charter, or according to o^r^ lawes and in defect of these according to the lawe of God, which we hope may tend to ye promoteing of their peace and safety for present.

6 And you are to informe the inhabitants there, they may send an agent to the Gen^ll^ Assembly in May next for a farther setlement.

7 And you are to aduice them to labour to manage theire affayres in a peaceable maner, according to former aduice given by this Councill.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL THE 28TH OF DECEMB^R^ 1663.

John Winthrop Esqr Gou.
Mr Allyn
Mr Willys
Mr Woolcutt
Lt John Allyn.

Mr Bray Rosseter, John Bishop, Isack Crittingdon and John Rosseter presented a declaration dated at New Hauen December 18. 1663, signed by James Bishop, Secretary, which declaration was ordered by the Court of Magistrates at Newhauen afoarsayd to be published &c. as the sayd declaration declareth. The sayd Mr Rosseter allsoe complayneing of some threatening expressions that haue bin by some uented against diuers that haue submitted to the gouerment of Connecticutt.

This Councill haueing considered the premises and feareing the peace of the Colony will be interupted by these motions, vnless some speedy course be taken to preuent it, doe nominate and appoynt Mr Willys, John Allyn and Mr Wayt Winthrop to goe to Guilford to treat wth Mr Leet (and any other whom Mr Leet shall desire to joyne wth himselfe) about the indemnity of the persons and estates of those that haue actually joyned to o^r^ gouerment, according to these followeing instructions :

1 If the sayd Mr Leet will giue securety by his word, for the indemnity of the afoarsayd persons and y^r^ estates, then you are to propound some propositions for o^r^ vniteing according to priuate instructions.

2 If they will attend any such propositions, if you cannot com to a conclution and issue you are to appoynt a meeting at Midleton for a farther treaty, where this Councill will send a comittee fully impowered to conclude all matters between us and N-hauen and the rest.

3 If none of these propositions will be attended by them, then you are in his Maties name and by order from the Councill of this Colony, to require them to forbear putting in execution there afoarsayd declaration against any of those that haue joyned

to o^r^ gouerment, and also to administer the oath of a constable to John Meggs, and to require him to use his utmost endeauour to mayntayne the peace of this Colony amongst those at Guilford that haue joyned to the gouerment of this Colony.

FEBRUARY 6th, 1663, AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL.

John Winthrop Esqr Gou:
Mr Sam^ll^ Willys,
Mr Math. Allyn,
Mr Woolcott,
Mr Clarke,
John Allyn, Secret^r^y.
Capt. Tallcott.

Thomas Hopewell haueing petitioned to this Councill for the confirmation of his right in a parcell of land about Noridge upon part of Shawtakett Riuer, and liberty to dispose of some part of it to such English as the Court shall haue no cause of just exception against, as by his petition dated Feb. 5^t^. 63 will appeare: this Councill doth in answer to his petition grant his desires therein, provided the Generall Court in March except not against it.

This Councill doth desire and appoynt Mr Mathew Allyn to goe ouer to Long Island to the meeting of the islanders at Hempsteed, and in the name of this Councill he is to declare unto the inhabitants of ye sayd island that shall be there assembled together, that this Councill hath according to theire desires when the mortgage of ye sayd island was presented to us, comissioned Capt. Tallcott, Capt Scott and Capt Young, to setle them in a present way for gouerment, and for there releasement from the bondage of the Dutch (as they called it). But the said Capt^ns^ makeing noe returnes of what they had done in the premises vnder their hands, and we heareing of your assembling together, thought it convenient to request Mr Allyn to be wth you at your meeting to informe you of o^r^ care of you, and to perfect your setlement, if it be not allready attayned, whoe is authorized hereunto. And for the setlement of gouerment in an orderly manageing thereof for the future, we desire that the people would apply themselues to the Generall Assembly in May next, where we doubt not but what tends to the orderly setlement of the peopell there will be readily attended.

Mr Willys, Mr Woolcott, John Allyn and Mr James Richards are desired by this Councill to goe to Guilford and New Hauen, and to treate wth o^r^ freinds as followeth :

It is agreed by the Councill that if o^r^ honoured freinds of N. H., Guilford, Brandford, Milford and Stanford will treat wth us for an accomadation, then we will graunt and confirme to them all such priviledges as they shall desire, which are not repugnant to the tenour of o^r^ charter.

(This followeing perticuler is not to be put in execution before we heare what o^r^ Hono^rd^ Gouernour and the rest effect there.)

But if they will not treate wth us, and agree for their setlement, then they are hereby ordered to read the charter at a publique

meeting (if they can attayne it) and to declare that we expect their submission to his Majesties order therein conteined, and allso to comision those now in place to governe the people there according to lawe untill farther order be taken, and to draw up a declaration which shall be publiquely made knowen to ye people whereby they may be informed what rationall and christianlike propositions haue bene made to the gent^n there in seuerall treaties for the setlement of o^r and their vnion.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL AT HARTFORD, APRILL 2^D, 1664.

John Winthrop Esq^n Gou^r.
Mr Math. Allyn,
Mr Rich. Treate,
Captn Tallcott,
John Allyn.

Vpon the motion of the townsemen of Wickford, the Councill did nominate and appoynt Capt. Edward Hutchinson, Captn William Hudson and Mr Richard Smith Senr: to be com^rs for the towne afoarsayd, (and the places adjoyneing wth in the Colony of Conecticutt) and they are inuested wth magistraticall power wth in the limitts afoarsayd, and the afoarsayed com^rs themselues, or any one of them wth the assistance of the selectmen of Wickford, haue power to keep courte for the determination of all cases under the value of forty shillings, and all matters of a criminall nature that by law com under their cognizance.

It is allso ordered that the inhabitants of Wickford afoarsayd doe assemble themselues together at a time and place by them appoynted, and elect out of and from amongst themselues one or two able and judicious men to serue as constables for the sayd towne, and one or either of the com^rs afoarsayd are hereby authorized to administer the constables oath to the persons that shall be elected to the office of a constable as afoarsayd.

It is allso ordered that if any differences doe arise at Wickford that are aboue the cognizance of the courte at Wickford, that ye issue of such matters be referred for a determination to the next courte from that time that shall be at New London.

It is the desire of this Councill that the inhabitants of Wickford would be carefull seasonably to prouide an able orthodox minister to disspence the word of God to them, and if God please to incline Mr Brewster to com amongst them, it is desired he might haue all due incouragement, which will be very acceptable to the Councill.

Captn Edward Hutchinson is desired and appoynted to be comander in cheife for the towne of Wickford, whoe is to exercise all male persons from sixteen years old to sixty, in the arte and skill of handleing their armes, and in military discipline as they are capeable six times a yeare vntill the Court order otherwise.

It is the order of this Councill that the officers respectiuely take due care to suppresse sin and prophanesse, and incourage piety according to their best skill.

Captn Hutchinson is to administer the oath of a com^{r} to Mr Richard Smith sen^{r}.

Captn Hutchinson and Captn Hudson tooke ye comissioners oath in ye Councill.

Thomas Burnam acknowledged himselfe bownd to this Colony in the sume of twenty pounds that Gerald Fitz Gerrald shall appeare and answer what is objected against him, when called by the magistrats.

The lett^{r} drawn up to Captn Young is approued of by the Councill, and to be signed by the Secret^{r}y and sent to him.

AT A MEETING OF THE MAGISTRATES APRILL 7, 1664, AT HARTFORD, IN COUNCILL.

John Winthrop Esqr Goun^{r}:
Mr Willys
Mr Woolcott
Mr Clarke
John Allyn.

Sarj^{nt} Seely, John Finch, vpon their oath declared in the Councill that they had no knowledg of the Indians coming to assist y^{m} when they arrested Captn Scott, before they did come, and that they did not any way desire them to be their present. Joshua Ginings, John Knowles, Frances Bradley, Dauid Osborn, Steuen Sherwood and Mathew Sherwood, they allso testify that they knew not of the Indians coming before they sawe them after they had arrested Captn Scott. Taken upon oath, in court Aprill 7^{t} 1664.

Captn Scott owned in the Councill that he brought the agreement between Ashford and himselfe to the Secretary to record here in the court roles, and that he set John Ketchams hand and seale to the sayd writting because he had an interest in him.*

He allso owned in the Councill that he exprest himselfe to ye Gouernour in England that he was willing the townes on Long Island that were under the gouerment of Conecticutt should so continue, and that he wrott a letter to Mr Williamson from Hartford,† wherein he signifyed what good service Conecticutt had don for his Majestie, in releiuing his Maties subjects from the vsurpation of the Dutch on the western end of the island.

Capt Scott affirmed in ye Councill that he had testimonies to ye number of fifty fower, against seuerall persons in authority here, and others for heinous crimes many of them were.

The Councill orders the Secretary to write a letter to Captn Toppin, Captn Young, Mr Howell and Mr Woodhull about the tests:

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* The Agreement between Capt. John Scott and the Inhabitants of Setawket alias Ashford is recorded in our Colonial Records (MS.) i. 312.

† It is printed in *Documents relating to the Colonial History of New York*, iii. 47. The inclosure may be found in *Mass. Historical Collections*, xli, 397.

in Capt. Scotts case, and signe it in their names, the contents whereof is upon ye file.

The Court orders that there be a sufficient man prouided to assist goodman Garrett in the garding of Captn Scott.

AT A MEETING OF THE MAGISTRATES APRILL 11TH 1664, AT HARTFORD, IN COUNCILL.

John Winthrop Esqr Goun^r.
Mr Allyn
Mr Willys
Captn Tallcott
Mr John Howell
John Allyn

Mr Howell desireing to know the minde of the Gouernour and Magistrates, concerning the agreement lately made by some of Sowth Hampton, East Hampton and Sowthhold, and allso by what right we lay clayme to those places &c. In way of answer we returne that we see no right, or power those townes haue to enter into any such agreement one wth another, vnless it be to strengthen their former vnion wth Conecticutt (which we conceiue was the intent of those persons that made the afoarsayd agreement) whose limitts lately hath bin confirmed by the Kings most excelent Majesty.

To ye 2^d perticuler we return that it is o^r sence of our patent that those places are w^thin the limitts expressed in the sayd charter, and so under the gouerment thereof, untill his Majesty see cause to disspose otherwise of them.

You may allso take notice that your first agreement wth Conecticutt was made long since those writings you haue lately receiued were made, though they were out of your hands.

The Councill doth desire, nominate and appoynte Captn John Young to examine the testimonies on Long Island which concerne Captn Scotts businesse, and to sumon so many testimonies up to the Courte on Tewsday before ye election as are necessary for the confirmation of those charges layd in against him, wth what els is of weight.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL MAY 9TH 1664.

Major Mason Dep^t Goun^r.
Mr Willys
Mr Allyn
Mr Howell
Mr Baker
John Allyn Sec^ry.

The Councill appoynted Mr William Pitkin to be the attourney in the behalfe of the Colony to implead Captn Scott, in those artickles drawn up against the sayd Mr Scott the General Court &c March last.

MAY 10TH.

The Magistrates order the Secretary to send these lines insueing to Mr Gildersleaue, and the rest that sent to ye Courte

Gent^n. Yours we haue receid. wth seuerall writings which for present we haue not time to answer fully, but thought it conuenient

to informe you that we shall acquainte our Gen^{ll} Assembly there-wth, whoe we doubte not will duely consider of what you have sent, and send you such a returne as will be rationall and for your comfort, not els, we take leaue and rest yours.

JOHN ALLYN, Secretary. By order from the Magistrates.

AT A COUNCILL HELD AT HARTFORD, JULY 1st 1664.

John Winthrop Esqr Goun^{r}.
Mr Mathew Allyn
Mr Samuell Willys
Mr Richard Treate
Capt: John Tallcott
Mr Henry Woolcott
John Allyn, Secret^{r}y.

The Councill orders the Secretary to drawe up a hue and cry for the apprehending of Captn John Scott and signe it in the name of the Councill of this Colony, and direct it to the seuerall marshalls and constables or their deputies in his Majesties dominions of New England.

The Councill orders the Secretary to signe the letter that is drawn up for N. Hauen &c. in the name of the Councill, and to send it to Mr Joanes.

The Councill upon the request of Henry Palmer doe release Katherine Palmer from her imprisonment upon his bond for her appearance at any time if she shall be called between this and the quarter court in December next.

Henry Palmer acknowledgeth himselfe bound in a recognizance of twenty pounds to the Colony of Conecticutt that his wife shall personally appeare at any court, (upon three dayes warning) at Harford, between this and the quarter court in December next.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL AT HARTFORD, JULY 20th 1664.

John Winthrop Esqr Gou^{r}.
Mr Mathew Allyn
Mr Sam^{ll} Willys
Mr Rich. Treate
Capt. John Tallcott
Mr Henry Woolcott
John Allyn Secret^{r}y.

The Councill orders the Secret^{r}y to signe the letter that is drawne up as an answer to the letter that cam from ye Gouernour and Councill of Road Island &c. and send it by Captain Richard Morice*

AT A COUNCILL, HARTFORD, SEPT^{m} 2^{d}. 1664.

Major Mason Dept. Gou.
Mr Allyn.
Mr Willys
Capt. Tallcott
Mr Woolcott
John Allyn.

Much Honoured Gent^{n}.: We understand by our Comissioners that Newhauen gent^{n} haue presented and order (as they call it) of their Generall Courte, whereby it appeares Mr Leet and Mr Joanes are chosen Comission-

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* *Colonial Boundaries*, i, 22.

ers and inuested wth power to act as com^{rs} for New Hauen Colony. Vpon this information we thought good to present o^{r} thoughts unto your consideration. We cannot approue of the afore mentioned gent^{n} to sitt as com^{rs} amongst you, because it doth not appeare that they are a colony or haue any power of gouerment distinct from us, confirmed by regall authority, and we know no other gouerment in his Majesties dominions but such as is confirmed by him. They being no· gouerment as afoarsayd we cannot but judge it will be prejudiciall to the seuerall colonyes and our charter to owne and approve of the gouerment of N. Hauen. Besides we doe clayme them to be a parte of o^{r} Colony, being included in his Majesties royall grant, and we doe hereby declare that we shall haue a tender respect to o^{r} honoured friends and bretheren of New Haven, and shall apply o^{r}selues to improue o^{r} all to accomadate them wth all such desireable priuiledges as o^{r} charter afoardes. Farther we thought it conuenient to informe your hono^{rs} that it is o^{r} desire still to mayntaine o^{r} confederation wth the Vnited Colonyes of Massachusets and New Plimoth, desireing that full prouision may be made to that purpose, according to that article of the confederation. that allowes of two colonyes vniteing into one, which is consonant to ye aduice of the Com^{rs} and ye honoured Courte of Massachusets to this Colony. Gent^{n} we rest your friends and seruants

JOHN ALLYN Secret^{r}y

By order of the Councill of Conecticutt.

The Councill ordered the Secretary to signe this lett^{r} in theire names, and by their order to deliuer it to the Commissioners.

Whereas we haue the 2^{d} of this instant in a writting presented to the much honoured the Com^{rs} of the Vnited Colonyes, made clayme to the late Colony of New Hauen, as being included in his Majesties royall grant in his letters pattents to this his Colony of Conecticutt and allso haue formerly upon publication of our charter, required theire attendance thereunto, Wee doe now in the presence of the honord Com^{rs} afoarsayd, in his Majesties name demande Wm Leette and Wm Joanes, Esq^{rs}, they being the representatiues of the people of New Hauen &c, that they and the rest of the people of Newhauen, Milford, Brandford, Guilford and Stanford, doe attend ye gouerment establisht by his Majestie in this his Colony of Conecticutt, and we purposse by the help of God to apply o^{r}selues to take due care of them, and to affoarde them all such priuiledges as are agreeable to o^{r} charter. In the name and by order of the Councill of the Colony of Conecticutt,

For Mr Leete and Mr Joanes JOHN ALLYN Sec^{r}y

AT A MEETING OF THE GOUERNOUR AND MAGISTRATES IN COUNCILL, AT HARTFORD, THE 22TH OF SEPTEMBER 1664.

John Winthrop Esqr Gou^{r}.
Mr Math. Allyn
Mr Hen: Wolcott
John Allyn.
Mr Sam. Willys.

His Majesties gracious lett^{r} to the Gouernour and Councill of this his Colony of Conecticutt, was by the Goun^{r} presented to the Councill and read. And the Councill takeing notice

of his Majesties abundant grace and fauoure therein manifested to this Colony, thankefully acknowledg the same, and order that the letter be recorded in the Records of ye Council. *Which you will finde recorded in the other end of this booke.**

The Councill being informed by his Majesties gracious letter as allsoe by a letter from the Lord Chancellor that his Majesties Com^rs were to vissit this Colony, ordered that the Comissioners should be honourably treated and interteined when they com heere. And it is desired that the Secretary and Mr Wadsworth would take the best course they can to prepare for theire interteinment upon the publique acco^t, and what they engage for shall be payd out of the country rate next spring. They are desired to prepare for there interteinment at the Gouernours house.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL, OCTOB^R 4TH. 1664, IN HARTFORD.

Major Masson, Dep^t Gou^r.
Mr Allyn,
Mr Willys
Mr Woolcott
John Allyn Secret^ry.

It was ordered that the Secret^ry should in the name of the Magistrates write to Mr Salter keeper of the prison at Boston, to deliuer Henry Frost to John Wilcox (to transporte him to Conecticutt) whoe is to answer the charge to the sayd prison keeper, and the Councill engage to answer the charge to John Willcox agayne in the spring.

Whereas there hath bene many endeauours both by Generall Assembly and Councill of this Colony for the effecting of a loueing and friendly complyance wth o^r loueing friends and neighboures of New Hauen, Milford &c. And whereas we haue according to the tenour of our charter receiued intimations of their inclinations thereunto by o^r friends in those partes, we doe for the perfecting of a loueing vnion, desire o^r Honoured Goun^r and Mr Willys to appoynt officers in those seuerall plantations of N. H. Mil: Bran: Gil: and Stanford, and to setle matters there soe as they judg most conduceable to ye peace and wellfare of the whole.

HARTFORD, NOU. 3, 1664, AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCILL.

Jno Winthrop Esqr Goun^r
Mr Allyn, Senr
Mr Willys
Mr Woolcott
Mr Allyn jun^r
Mr Richards

It was agreed and aduised as most conduceable to the best effecting the minde of the Gen^ll Courte respecting New Hauen &c. that those comissioned for that purposse doe attend theire business wth the representatiues of those plantations mett together, and that actuall sweareing of

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* It is Number xiv of the Appendix to Trumbull's *History of Conn.*, Vol. i.

freemen be at present respitted, as aduiseable to be the most peaceable way at present and that the act of indemnity declared by the Gen^{ll} Courte be notifyed to them.

The Councill appoynts and orders that the last Wedensday of this instant Nouember be kept as a day of publique thanksgiueing throughout this Colony for the many mercyes God hath extended to his people in this corporation the yeare past.

Wm Edwards acknowledgeth himselfe bound to the corporation of Conecticutt in the sume of forty pounds, the conditio whereof is that if he appeare at the court December next to answer ye complaynt of Hanna Hacklinton, then this to be voyd or els stand in full force.

Nou. 11th, 64.

Jno Winthrop Esqr Gou.
Mr Allyn sen^{r}
Mr Willys
Capt Tallcott
Mr Allyn jun^{r}
Capt. Young
Mr Richards.

The Councill impowers the gent^{n} that goe to New Yorke (by order of the Gen^{ll} Courte) to issue the business between Captn Scott and the Colony, if opportunety present, and what they shall doe in the case the Councill doth ratify and hereby confirme.

At a meeting of the Councill January 4th 1664.

Jno Winthrop Esqr Gou^{r}.
Mr Mathew Allyn
Mr Sam^{ll} Willys
Mr James Richards
John Allyn.

This Councill doth order that in case Wm Loueridg doth sell to Mr James Richards his house and accomadation of land for the use of the towne, and remoue himselfe and famaly out of this Colony by September next, then they doe hereby fully remitt the sayd Loueridges former fines to him.

January 18th 1664.

This Councill haueing considered John and Joseph Curtice theire forfeiture of theire bond of 5^{l} a peice, do now remitt unto them thirtie shillings a peice, and doe now order them to pay 3^{ll}, 10^{s}, 0^{d} a peice to the publique treasurie.

This Councill doth order the marshall to respitt the serueing of the execution upon James Eno for his wifes fine untill the next session of the Generall Courte in May next.

This Councill doth hereby declare that the estate of o^{r} honord freind Edward Hopkins Esqr shall not be molested by sequestering in the behalfe of the countrey.

Deacon Edward Stebbing and L^{nt} Thomas Bull doe engage themselues to pay unto the comittee of the towne of Hartford the sume of fower hundred pownds out of Mr Hopkins estate in currant pay, this spring, to be improued by the sayd comittee in the towne of Hartford, for promoteing of learning according to the will of o^{r} honoured freind Mr Hopkins.

Daniel Garrad for being accessary to a scurrolous paper by his son brought to be presented to the Councill from Hana Hackelton, which is stuffed wth reproachfull passages against the Gouernour and Magistrates, is adjudged to be bound in a recognizance of 5^{ll} to cary good behauiour till the courte in March, and then appeare and take up his bond.

Daniel Garrad acknowledgeth himself bownd in 5^{ll} to this Colony to cary good behauiour till the court in March and then appeare and take up his bond.

This Councill doe order the Secretary to signe the lett^{r} read in the Councill, and send it to Mr Eliot of Guilford.

II.

COUNCILS HELD AT HARTFORD BY SIR EDMUND ANDROS.

At a Councill held at Hartford on Tuesday the first day of November, 1687.

Present:

His Excellency Sr Edmund Andros, Knt. &ca.

Joseph Dudley, John Fitz Winthrop,* John Pincheon,
Wm. Stoughton. Esq^{rs}. John Usher, Esq^{rs}. Barth. Gidney, Esq^{rs}.
Robt Mason, Edw. Ting,

His Excellency, pursuant to the orders and commands he had received from his Majesty, being come to take that Colony under his government, as annexed to the Dominion of New England, advised in what way proper further to proceed to effect the same.

Resolved, That Robert Treate Esqre, Governour of the said Colony, and John Allen Esqre, Secretary, be sent for to attend his Excellency in Council, and that his Majesty's said commands be first communicated to them.

Pursuant to the said resolve, the said Governour and Secretary came, and to them was signified by his Excellency his Majesty's commands for that Colony. And for the further publication of his Majesty's said commands, it was

Advised and Resolved, That the said Governour and Magistrates doe forthwith attend on his Excellency and Council and bring with

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* Fitz John Winthrop was appointed a member of Dudley's Council in 1686. Sir Edmund Andros commissioned him as Colonel of Rhode Island and its dependencies Jan. 7, 1686-7, and Major-General of the militia in the late Colonies of Rhode Island and Connecticut, Nov. 10, 1687.

them such persons as they shall think fit, to hear his Majesty's said commands.

Before noon the said Governour and Magistrates attending on his Excellency at his lodging, they all together went from thence to the publique court house, where his Excellency publiquely signifyed the occasion of his coming and commanded his Majesty's letters patents for the government of New England and his Majesty's orders to his Excellency for annexing the said Colony to this Dominion of New England and to take the same under his government to be publiquely read, which was done accordingly.

His Excellency after repeated the substance of what had been read, and shewed how gracious his Majsty had been to his subjects of Connecticott; telling them, that they were now intituled to all the grace and favour conteined in the said letters patents, and that the former authority and General Court of that Colony was dissolved, and the said Colony annexed to the Dominion of New England accordingly.

Pursuant to his Majesty's commands, Robt Treat, Esqr, the late Governour of Connecticott, and John Allen, Esqr, the late Secretary, were sworn of his Majesty's Council.

AT A COUNCILL HELD AT THE TOWN HOUSE IN HARTFORD, ON WEDNESDAY THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1687.

Present:

His Excellency Sr Edmund Andros, Knt &ca.

Joseph Dudley,	John Usher,	Jonath. Ting,
Wm. Stoughton, Esqrs.	John Pincheon, Esqrs,	Robert Treat, Esqrs.
Robt. Mason,	John Fitz Winthrop,	John Allen,*
	Barth. Gidney,	

His Excellency in Council was pleased to nominate and appoint the persons hereafter named to be Justices of the Peace and Sheriffs for the respective counties following, for whom commissions are ordered to be prepared accordingly, *viz:*

For the County of Hartford.

Justices of the Peace.

John Talcott, Saml Willis, Humph. Davye, } *Quorum.*
Gershom Bulkeley,
Benj. Newberry,
John Wadsworth,
Saml Talcott,
Giles Hamblin,
John Chester,
Phineas Wilson *Sheriff.*

For the County of Newhaven.

Justices of the Peace.

Willm Jones, James Bishop, Willm Roswell, } *Quorum.*
Andrew Leete,
Tho. Trowbridge,
Rich. Bryant,
John Beard.
John Hudson *Sheriff.*

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* John Allyn was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Hartford by a commission dated December 30, 1687. It is printed in the *N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register*, xxiii, 171.

For the County of New London.		For the County of Fairefield.	
Justices of the Peace.		*Justices of the Peace.*	
Edward Palmes,	*Quorum.*	Nathan Gold,	*Quorum.*
James Fitch,		Jonathan Sellick,	
Sam[l] Mason,		Sam[l] Sherman,	
George Denison,		Joseph Haley,	
Daniel Witherley,		John Burr,	
John Chapman,		Joseph Judson,	
Mathew Grizell,		Tho. Fitch,	
Richard Edgecombe *Sheriff.*		Jonath. Lockwood,	
		Will[m] Sydenham *Sheriff.*	

Upon the motion of John Allen, Esq[r], one of the members of this Board, that the rate lately appointed by the General Court of Connecticott for payment of the country debts may be raised and applied to that use,

Ordered, That an account be taken of the country debts, and what the said rate may amount to, and that the same be collected and applyed to satisfy the same accordingly.

His Excellency travelled from Hartford to Fairfield, saw the justices of the peace in their respective counties and sheriffs sworn, commissionated military officers in each town, and custom officers in the several sea-ports.

III.

[In the handwriting of Secretary Eleazar Kimberly.]

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL IN SAYBROOK, JULY THE 29TH, 1702.

Present:

The Governour's Honour.	Capt. John Hamlin.
The Deputy Governour's Honour.	Capt. Nathan Gold.
Capt. Sam[l] Mason.	William Pitkin, Esq[r].
Capt. Dan[l] Wetherell.	Joseph Curtis, Esq[r].
Nathan[l] Stanley, Esq[r].	Capt. John Chester.
Maj[r] Moses Mansfield.	Josiah Rossiter, Esq[r].

A letter from the Lords of the Council, bearing date the 11th of March 1701, certifying the death of our late Sovereign Lord King William, and of the succession of her Royal Majestie Queen Ann, with an express order for proclaiming her Majestie with requisite solemnities, containing also her Majesties gracious proclamation for the continuance of all officers in place till her Majesties pleasure be further known. Also a letter from the Earl of Manchester of the 18th of April 1702, the Earl being one of her Majesties principal Secretaries of State; and a letter from the Earl of Nottingham, one of her Majesties principal Secretaries of State, bearing date the 7th of May 1702; and a letter from the Lords of

the Council of Trade, dated March the 19th 170½, were by the Governour's Honour all laid before the Council.*

A letter also from the Governour of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, dated July the 6th 1702, relating to the dividing line between the said Province and this Colonie, directed to the Governour's Honour, was read in Council.†

Ordered in Council, That letters be drawn to be respectively transmitted in answer to the several letters above mentioned.

Three copies of letters drawn in answer to the letters from England were read in Council and approved to be drawn out fair and transmitted into England with such suitable additions as may be made without any alteration of substance.

Ordered by this Council, That fortie printed copies of her Majesties proclamation for the suppression of irreligion and profaneness &c. be procured from Boston at the charge and for the service of the Colonie: every congregation in this Colonie to have one of them, to be read publickly by the minister in their assembly once every quarter of the year.

IV.

[In the handwriting of Secretary Kimberly.]

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN SAYBROOK, FEB. 25, 170⅔.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
The Deputy Governour's Honour.

Assistants present:

Capt. Dan[l] Wetherell,	Joseph Curtis, Esq[r],
Nathan[l] Stanley, Esq[r],	Maj[r] John Chester,
Maj[r] Moses Mansfield,	Josiah Rossiter, Esq[r].
Capt. John Hamlin,	

At the opening of the Council the letters &c. following were read in Council: *Impr.* A letter from the Lords of the Council of Trade, of September the 5th 1702; also a letter of the Lord Cornbury, of November the 9th 1702; another of the Lord Cornbury of January the 30th 1702; 2 letters from Sir Henerie Ashurst, one of June the 26th 1702, the other of March the 25th 1702; also a letter from Governour Dudley and the General Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay, of November the 2d 1702; another letter from Governour Dudley, of January the 18th 1702; a memorial also from

* These letters are in *Foreign Correspondence*, I. 96, 97, 98, 99. The answers to them are printed in *Mass Hist. Soc. Coll.*, liii, 104, 109. The Queen had been proclaimed at Hartford, New Haven, &c., on June 17th, *Id.*, 98.

† Gov. Dudley's letter with two in answer to it may be seen in *Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll.*, liii, 101, 102, 106.

Sir Henry Ashurst, relating to this Colonie, and a copie of articles against this government laid before the House of Commons.*

The Governour and Council doth appoint the last Wednesday in March next, to be kept and observed a Religious Fast throughout this Colonie. A bill for that end prepared was read and approved in Council, and ordered to be sent to the several towns.

A letter drawn to be sent to Governour Dudley was read and approved in Council.

Forasmuch as the present state of affairs relating to the war make it necessary that the Colonie be forthwith put into the best posture of defence, and secured against the threatning insults of the enemy,

It is ordered &c., That effectual care be taken to inspect the stocks of ammunition which the law requires to be prepared and kept ready in each countie and in each town, and if there be any defect in either of them, both for quantitie or qualitie, it may be immediately rectified; and an account of the state of said stocks returned in writing to the Governour by such as have charge of them, that it may be laid before the General Assembly in May next.

2ly. That orders be given out forthwith to the chief officers of every regiment for an exact view of the souldiers belonging to their regiment, and report made to the Governour of the state they are in.

3ly. That an exact account of the state of the forts of Newlondon and Saybrook and of the ammunition therein store be forthwith taken by the chief officers there and returned to the Governour; as also that immediate care be taken that the great artillerie that shall be mounted in each of the said forts be supplied with ammunition in such quantitie as to be able upon the attack of an enemy to fire thirtie rounds each; and that the said forts be forthwith furnished with both officers and souldiers for the managing of said artillerie according to order of the General Assembly.

4ly. That care be taken forthwith, to supply the fort in Newlondon with three or four more great guns, as they may be obtained by loan or otherwise any where within this Colonie.

5. That the several orders abovementioned, so necessary to be attended for the defence and safety of this her Majesties Colonie in this time of danger, be executed by such persons as the Governour shall see good under his hand to impower for that end. And considering that the spring advancing may give the enemy convenient season for action against [us] (especially on our seacoasts) ere it be long: It is therefore ordered, that the above mentioned methods for the safety of the Colonie, both by sea and land, be forthwith executed.

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* Of these letters, Lord Cornbury's of Nov. 9, 1702, is in *Mass. Historical Collections*, liii, 114; Sir H. Ashurst's of June 26, 1702, in *Foreign Correspondence*, ii, 71, that of March 25, 1702, in the same volume, doc. 70, and printed in *Mass. Hist. Coll.*, liii, 119; Dudley's of Jan. 18, 1702-3, in the same volume, p. 118; the articles against the government are in *Foreign Correspondence*, ii, 73.

6. That a certain number of soldiers in each company of every regiment shall be in readiness, upon order given, to march at an hours warning, to oppose any sudden assault of the enemy.

The Council desires the Governour's Honour, to certifie Sir Henerie Ashurst of their thankfullness to him for the good service he hath done for this Colonie in the particulars mentioned in his late letters to his Honour, and to signifie their desire that he would still continue to be our Agent, and to improve his interest in Court for the preservation of the priviledges and reputation of this Colonie from the devices of ill minded persons, who make it their great design to deprive us of both by their false informations; and to signifie to our Agent that orders have been given to the Treasurer for the payment of £100 to Mr. Serjeant on his account, and that when the General Assembly doth meet again a motion will be made to them for a further addition.

An order was by the Governour and Council directed to the Treasurer to transport corn to Boston or elsewhere, for the procuring of money for the country's use.

Information being exhibited in Council, that Capt. Joseph Wadsworth did upon the 12th of this instant month oppose the constable of Hartford in his execution of a writ of arrest upon the body of a mallatta servant to Capt. Thomas Richards, *&c., the Council doth recommend it to the judge of Hartford countie court to take effectual care that the premises be dilligently inquired into and prosecuted to an issue according [to] order of law.

This sheet contains the acts of the Governour and Council in Saybrook, assembled the 24th of February 170⅔ and continued to the 26th of the same month *post merid.*

Test. ELEAZAR KIMBERLY, Sec^ry.

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*A fugitive slave case. *Ante*, vol. iv, 478.

V.

Council at Norwich December 22, 1703.

[Of these two accounts of proceedings of this Council the shorter is entirely in the handwriting of Secretary Kimberly: of the other one the caption, the first, third, and last paragraphs are in his hand. The act of Assembly referred to is printed *ante*, vol. iv, 444.]

At a meeting of the Governour and Council in Norwich, December the 22 1703, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly holden at Newhaven the 14th of October last, relating to Owaneco and the Mohegins.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
Major James Fitch,
Capt. Daniel Wetherell,
Mr. Richard Cristophers.
Lieut. Nehemiah Smith.
Capt. Richard Bushnell,
Capt. Averie, *Interpreter.*
Mr. William Douglas.

Owaneco and his brother Ben with some of the Mohegins appearing before the Council was asked the reason why he did not appear at the General Court in October last when he was required by the Governour so to do. He answered he was not well able to attend the Court at so great a distance; and when he was at Court in May he could not get supply of necessary provision. To which it was replied by the Governour and Council, that he was told that if he did appear and attend the Court as he was required he should be provided for.

Being asked, what reason he had to complain against the government for doing him wrong, he answered, they had wronged

[Endorsed: Acts of the Council at Norwich, December 22, 1703.]

At a meeting of the Governour and Council in Norwich, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of October 14th, 1703.

Present:
The Governor's Honour.
Maj[r] James Fitch.
Capt. Dan[l] Wetherell.
Mr. Rich[d] Cristophers.
Lieut. Nehemiah Smith.
Capt. Rich[rd] Bushnel.
Mr. Will. Douglas.

Owaneco appearing before the Council was asked the reason why he did not attend the General Court in October when required by the Governour. He answered that he was not well able to attend the Court at so great distance, and when he was at Court in May he could not get supply of necessary provision. To which it was answered, that he was told he should be provided for. Being asked what reason he had to complain again[st] the government for doing him wrong. He answered, they had wronged him in taking land from him in settling plantations upon his land without his leave and consent: in special, the Courts settling some lands within the township of New London that did belong to him, by a late act in May last To evidence that there was no wrong

him in taking land from him, by settling plantations upon his land without his leave and consent. In particular Owaneco did complain that he was wronged of a neck of land called Mashapeag, situate within the township of New London. The Council having inquired into the matter did declare to him that the said neck of land was in the year 1658 given and granted by Uncass unto Richard Haughton of Newlondon;* and that afterwards in the year 166⅝ Uncas and Owaneco did for a certain sum paid to them sell unto the town of New London all their right to the land southward of a straight line from a rock in Newlondon River, on a westerly course to a certain tree in the woods marked with the letter L, which was the norwest corner of Newlondon bounds as antiently stated, and that line takes in Mashapeag, and is about half a mile to the northward of it. And further to convince Owaneco and his brother Ben and the Moheags that were present, the deed of Mashapeag (sign'd by Uncass) to Richard Haughton, and the deed to Newlondon sign'd by Uncass and Owaneco were exhibited before them; whereby it plainly appeared that there was no wrong done to them in reference to Mashapeag.

Owaneco further complained, that several persons have settled upon and laid out farms on the north side of the land formerly done to him in that matter of the land in New London &c., also there was produced a deed of Mashapeag from Uncas to Richd Haughton. Owaneco returns that his father let that land to Uncas, but the deed conveys the fee simple of it to Haughton.

Whereas the General Court have found out a convenient piece of land near to Lebanon to make a township, and have directed a plantation there by the name of Colchester, and have given order that agreement should be made with the Indians for the land they have in the said township: The Governour and Council, in behalf of the said General Court and pursuant to the articles of the agreement between the said General Court and Owaneco with the Mohegan Indians, bearing date May 18, '81, † do now offer to the said Owaneco and the said Indians, that they will pay or cause to be paid a reasonable price for the said land, according to the said articles, and are ready to receive their proposals for that end. This left to Owanecoes consideration.

Owaneco being asked the reason why the Mohegins had not given in their names so as the other Indians had done, answered they had not done and would not do it. They have not shed any English blood nor were ever captivated, but have always been true to the English.

* The original deed of Uncas to Richard Haughton, dated August 19th, 1658, has lately been given to the State Library by the Honorable Robert C. Winthrop.

† *Ante*, vol. iii, 83, 309. The counterpart, bearing the signatures of Uncas, Owaneco, and Josiah, witnessed by Samuel Mason and Nehemiah Palmer, interpreters, and by two indians, has lately been presented to the State Library by Mr. Winthrop.

sold to Newlondon, upon that which is by some called Sequestred Land, and that the said sequestred land is by the General Court added to the township of Newlondon.

In answer to this complaint of Owaneco, the Council having considered thereof did declare to him, that many of those persons settled on the said sequestred land had purchased the same of them as appeared by their deeds, and also had grants thereof from the General Court. And that the Council did order all others who did settle there or had lands laid out to them in that tract by order of the General Court should agree with him for his right, and make him reasonable satisfaction for the same. And with respect to that part of his complaint, *viz.* that the said tract of land is added to the township of Newlondon by the General Court, the Council did declare to the said Owaneco, that the General Court in their patent to Newlondon have reserved and saved any right or title that the said Owaneco or his heirs had or might have in any lands within the bounds of that township as it is now stated. And that all the said sequestred land situate northward of the antient bounds of Newlondon, that is to say, northward of a line drawn from a rock in Newlondon River a little below a peice of meadow commonly called Baylies meadow, and continued westerly to a marked tree in the woods, marked with L, and now with W. E and 1 P, which was formerly the northwest corner of the township of Newlondon, that is to say, all the said sequestred Ben Uncas said, if he were furnisht with arms and going forth in the country's service he would give in his name, but to require them to give in their names while they remain at home seems a mean business. But upon further consideration they consented to give in their names.

The Council further add, with respect to Colchester, that in case the township of Colchester as granted by the General Court contain above the quantity of eight mile square, the overplus shall be by them yielded up again. And whereas a great part or the greatest part of that eight mile square hath already been purchased of Uncas and Owaneco, yet for said Owaneco's right and his brother Ben's right in the remaining part of said eight mile square at the time of the Court's grant the Council propose and offer that the inhabitants of Colchester shall give and pay down unto them the sum of 20*l.*

Owaneco complaining before the Council, that he is wronged of the neck of land called Massapeag within the township of New London, which thing the Council have enquired into and find that the said neck of Massapeag was in the year 1658 given and granted by Uncas unto Richard Haughton of New London, and that afterwards in the year 16$\frac{68}{69}$ Uncas and Owaneco did for a certain sum paid unto them, sell unto the town of New London all their right to the land southard of a straight line from a rock in New London river on a westerly course to a certain tree in the woods marked with the letter L, which

lands lying northward of the said antient line and now within the late addition to Newlondon township, doth as really and fully belong to him, the said Owaneco, and his heirs as it did before and at the time that the General Court did add it to Newlondon township and granted a patent for it; anything in the act of the General Court relating thereunto or the said patent notwithstanding.

Owaneco and his brother Ben did also declare that they were unsatisfied that the General Court had granted a tract of land for a town at the place now called Colchester and settling a people upon it, without agreeing with them and allowing them consideration for their right there. In answer whereunto the Governour and Council did make to them the following offer, *viz.* that in case the township of Colchester, as granted by the General Court, did contain above the quantitie of eight miles square, the overplus should be yielded up again. And whereas a great part or the greatest part of that eight mile square hath already been purchased of him and of his father Uncass, for their right in the remaining part thereof at the time of the Court's grant, the Council did propose and offer, that the inhabitants of Colchester shall give and pay down to them the sum of twentie pounds. Which offer being slighted by Owaneco, the Council desired him to propound what would content him, which he refused to do, leaving the matter to Captain Mason.

The Indians refusing to comply with the propositions made was the northwest corner of the ancient bounds of New London, as by said Uncas and Owaneco's deed to New London doth appear, and that line takes in Massapeag and is about half a mile to the northard of it.

Owaneco complaining that several persons have settled upon and others have farms laid out unto them on the north side of the land formerly sold to New London, upon that which is by some called Sequestred Land, which land is also by the General Court added to the township of New London, to the dissatisfaction of said Owaneco: The Council having inquired into this matter and considered thereof do find, that many of those persons settled on this land have purchased the same of Owaneco, and have grants for it from the General Court; and do order, that all others who are settled there or have land laid out there by order of the General Court do agree with said Owaneco for his right and make him reasonable satisfaction for the same. And with respect to that part of his complaint, that said tract of land is added to the township of New London, we find that the General Court in their patent to New London have excepted and reserved to Owaneco all his lands within their bounds, which they have not purchased of his father Uncas and himself. And the Council finds that New London purchase of Uncas and Owaneco in the year 16$\frac{68}{69}$ was bounded on the south with a rock in New London River a little below a parcel of meadow commonly known and called by the name

to them by the Governour and Council respecting Colchester, upon the motion of some persons present, the Council made choice of Capt. Samuel Mason, Maj^r John Chester, Capt. Benjamin Brewster and Mr. Nehemiah Palmer, to view the lands at Colchester, and to consider what lands may be sufficient for a township, and to make return to the General Court in May next.

In pursuance of the said late act of the General Court, Owaneco being asked the reason why his men had not given in their names, as all other friend Indians had done. After some debate about that matter he did at length upon further consideration ingage that it should be done.

of Baylyes meadow, and to run from said rock upon a westerly line to a marked tree in the woods, marked with the letter L, which was at that time the northwest corner of New London bounds, which tree hath now on it the letters W E and I P, beside the aforesaid letter L, and that all the land on the north side of that line within the new addition to New London township doth as really and fully belong to said Owaneco and his heirs as it did at the time the General Court added it to the town of New London and gave them a patent for the same.

The Indians refusing to comply with the propositions made to them by the Governour and Council, respecting Colchester, the Council made choice of Capt. Samuel Mason, Maj^r John Chester, Capt. Benja. Brewster, Mr. Nehemiah Palmer, to view the lands at Colchester, and to consider what quantity may be sufficient for a township, and to make return to the General Court in May next.

VI.

COUNCIL JOURNAL 1709–1710.

[Of this Journal about one half is in the handwriting of Caleb Stanly, Secretary; nearly as much in that of George Denison, and a few pages in that of Governor Saltonstall]

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCILL IN HARTFORD JANUARY 22D, ANNO DOM. 1708–9.

Present:

The Honble Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Nathanael Stanly, Esqr	*Assistants.*	Coll^o W^m. Whiting.
William Pitkin, Esqr		Richard Lord Esqr.
John Chester, Esqr		Major Mathew Allyn.
John Haines, Esqr		Capt. Aaron Cook.

Resolved, That a congratulation be made, in the behalf of this government, to his Excellency the Lord Lovelace, lately arrived

at New York, with as much speed as may be; and that the same opportunity be improved with his Lordship, that the 5 Nations of the Indians near to Albany be actually improved in the service against the common enemy. Richard Christophers, Esqr, and Coll^{o} Wm Whiting are appointed to attend this service, and the Treasurer to supply with money necessary for the same, out of the Colony treasury.

Whereas Sir Henry Ashhurst, our Agent in England, hath drawn a bill of exchange upon the Governour, Councill and General Assembly of this Colony, bearing date the 20th of August 1708, for the payment of one hundred and sixty pounds, New English money, to Capt. Samuel Sewall of Boston, at four months after sight, for the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, that he, the said Sir Henry Ashhurst, had received on the account of his agency:

It is now resolved, That the said bill of exchange be accepted, and it is accepted accordingly: and that the said sum of one hundred and sixty pounds shall be paid out of the publick treasury of this Colony by the Treasurer, and also the sum of thirty-two pounds more New English money to Mr. James Noyce of Stonningtown, for the sum of twenty pounds sterling that Sir Henry Ashhurst hath received from the said Mr. Noyce.

Resolved, That John Elsworth, of Windsor, be forthwith sent to Mr. John Pynchon at Springfield, clerk of the court of sessions of the peace in the county of Hampshire, and also of the inferiour court of common pleas there, to procure and get copies of all the whole process lately had there against the said Elsworth, relating to his setting or kindling fires in the wilderness or commons within the town of Endfield; and that the clerk of the Council, in their name, do write to the said Pynchon by the said Elsworth to send the said copies by him to this Board; and that the said Elsworth shall be paid for his cost and charge therein, out of the publick treasury of this Colony.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD, JANUARY 24TH, ANNO DOM. 1708–9.

Present:

The Honble Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,	*Assistants.*	Coll^{o} William Whiting.
John Hamlin, Esqr,		Richard Lord, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,		John Elliot, Esqr,
John Chester, Esqr,		Major Mathew Allyn.
John Haines, Esqr.		

Capt. Joseph Whiting, Treasurer of this Colony, moved to this Board, that a rule or direction may now be made and given him for ascertaining the distances of the several towns in this Colony from the towns of Hartford and Newhaven, in order to his paying the just and exact post wages due to the several deputies of the said towns, by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of this Colony made in May, 1708.

Resolved thereupon, That the list or account of the said distances of places, with the respective sums of post wages set to the same as is hereafter set down, be a rule and direction to the said Treasurer for his making the said payments, until further order be given about the same;* That is to say,

A Table of the Distances of the several Towns in the Colony of Connecticut from the Town of Hartford in the said Colony.

	Distance in miles.	Post-wages.		
Greenwich,	87	£1	8*s.*	4*d.*
Stanford,	84	1	7	4
Norwalk,	74	1	4	8
Fairfield,	62	1	0	2
Stratford,	54	0	17	7
Woodbury,	40	0	13	0
Danbury,	60	0	19	6
Milford,	50	0	16	3
Newhaven,	40	0	13	0
Branford,	40	0	13	0
Guilford,	36	0	11	9
Wallingford,	26	0	8	6
Derby,	50	0	16	3
Durham,	20	0	6	6
Stoningtown,	56	0	18	3
Groton,	50	0	16	3
New London,	50	0	16	3
Lyme,	45	0	14	8
Saybrook,	40	0	13	0
Killingworth,	40	0	13	0
Preston,	48	0	15	8
Canterbury,	45	0	14	8
Plainfield,	47	0	15	4
Norwich,	40	0	13	0
Lebanon,	30	0	9	9
Haddam,	24	0	7	10
Middletown,	14	0	4	7
Wethersfield,	3	0	1	0
Glassenbury,	5	0	1	8
Windsor,	7	0	2	4
Simsbury,	12	0	3	10
Farmingtown,	10	0	3	3
Waterbury,	28	0	9	2
Windham,	35	0	11	5
Mansfield,	36	0	11	9
Colchester,	25	0	8	2

A Table of the Distances of the several Towns in the Colony of Connecticut from the Town of Newhaven in the said Colony.

	Distance in miles.	Post-wages.		
Greenwich,	47	£0	15*s.*	4*d.*
Stanford,	44	0	14	4
Norwalk,	34	0	11	1
Fairfield,	22	0	7	2
Stratford,	14	0	4	7
Woodbury,	25	0	8	2
Danbury,	34	0	11	1
Milford,	10	0	3	3
Branford,	8	0	2	8
Guilford,	20	0	6	6
Wallingford,	14	0	4	7
Derby,	10	0	3	3
Durham,	20	0	6	6
Stoningtown,	73	1	3	9
Groton,	64	1	0	10
New London,	58	0	18	11
Lyme,	45	0	14	8
Saybrook,	40	0	13	0
Killingworth,	28	0	9	2
Preston,	66	1	1	6
Canterbury,	70	1	2	9
Plainfield,	70	1	2	9
Norwich,	62	1	0	2
Lebanon,	58	0	18	11
Haddam,	36	0	11	9
Middletown,	26	0	8	6
Wethersfield,	37	0	12	1
Hartford,	40	0	13	0
Glassenbury,	39	0	12	8
Windsor,	47	0	15	4
Simsbury,	47	0	15	4
Farmington,	36	0	11	9
Waterbury,	18	0	5	10
Windham,	62	1	0	2
Mansfield,	64	1	0	10
Colchester,	45	0	14	8

* This Table of the Distances of Places was also approved by the Lower House October 18th, 1709. *Finance & Currency*, I, 36.

A report being made to this Board by the Committee of War in the county of Hartford, of the determination lately made by them that 400 men be forthwith detach'd out of the county of Hartford and fitted with snow-shoes &c. for a winter march; and it appearing to this Board that there is not a sufficient number of snow-shoes &c. in the country stores, to furnish such a detachment, by reason that many of them are defective through age and otherwise: The Governour and Council do therefore order, that the said detachment be fitted out of those stores so far as they will go, with what is already procured anew; and that it be left with the gentlemen of that committee, in case they receive intelligence of the enemies designing a winter impression upon our frontiers, to take immediate care that the remaining part of the said detachment be supplied with new snow-shoes &c. at the country charge, in the best manner.

Ordered, That such persons as receive snow-shoes, mogginsons or Indian shoes, out of the country stores, be allowed for keeping them in good condition (till such time as they are commanded into the stores again) two shillings *per annum*.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD, JANUARY 25TH, ANNO DOM. 1708–9.

Present:

The Hon^{bl} Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour*.

Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,
John Hamlin, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
John Chester, Esqr,
John Haines, Esqr,
} *Assistants*.

Coll^{o}. William Whiting.
Richard Lord, Esqr,
John Elliot, Esqr.

Coll^{o} Wm Whiting laid before this Board an account of sundry goods and things which was delivered and paid to the Indians that were out in the Colony's service the last summer past, (more than their wages amounted to,) to the value of 18*l*. 3*s*. 7*d*. in pay, praying an order may be made about the same.

It is ordered and resolved, That the Treasurer do pay the said sum of 18*l*. 3*s*. 7*d*. pay, out of the Colony treasury to the said Coll^{o} Whiting for the use of himself and the rest of the gent^{n} that furnished the said Indians with the said goods; and that the said Coll^{o} Whiting do keep an accompt of the several sums charged upon the particular Indians, that so the Colony, if they shall hereafter have occasion for their service, may recover it of them in that manner or by some other means. And whereas several goods and things contained in the said account were disbursed upon the said Indians while under the command of Capt. Stephen Hollister by his order to Coll^{o} Partridge, contrary to instructions he had received, it is

ordered that Coll° Whiting do inspect that matter and take care that it be considered in the debenture to be given to said Hollister for his own wages.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD JANUARY 26TH, ANNO DOM. 1708-9.

Present:

The Hon^bl Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,
John Hamlin, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
John Chester, Esqr,
John Haines, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Coll° Wm Whiting.
John Elliot, Esqr.

Upon the complaint of Edward Poisson and James Poisson, French refugees residing at Wethersfield, that they have been warned out of that town by the selectmen thereof, by virtue of a law of this Colony, which directs such as desire to live in any town, to seek the approbation of the selectmen of such town, and to depart in case such approbation cannot be obtained: The Governour and Council having considered that that law was never intended to exclude French refugees from the liberty of residing in this Colony, provided they are conformable to law, as other her Majesty's subjects, do advise, that the said Edward and James Poisson (giving security not to become a publick charge) be suffered to live quietly in the said town of Wethersfield, or any other town of this Colony where they shall desire, until the next session of the General Assembly, and until the said Assembly shall take further order therein.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of this Colony do forthwith send to all the captains or other commanders in chief of the several companies of souldiers that were the last summer past drawn out of the counties of Newhaven, New London and Fairfield, all the several accounts of goods and things taken up by any of the said souldiers which were now lately collected and laid before this Board, to the end that the said goods and things may by the said captains and commanders be charged to the said souldiers respectively that had and received the same, and deducted out of their wages.*

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* At this session of the Council a letter was addressed to the Lords of Trade, in answer to one from them of Ap. 15, 1708, relating to the African trade for negroes. The Council say that there are but few negroes in this government, and those we are supplied with from the neighboring governments, save that some times half a dozen a year may be imported from the West Indies. None have ever been imported by the Royal African Company or separate traders. *Foreign Correspondence,* I, 121, 127.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON FEBR. 11TH, 1708–9.

Present:

The Governor, Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr.

Maj^{r} James Fitch,
Capt. Dan^{ll} Witherell,
Capt. John Hamlin,
M^{r}. Rich. Christophers, } Esq^{rs}, *Assistants.*

" Capt. Wm Ely,
Mr. Nehemiah Smith, } *Just. Pac.*

Upon the decease of Eleazar Kimberly, Esqr, Secretary of this Colony,* this Board took into consideration the supplying of that vacancy until the Court of Election in May next, and,

Resolved, That the administration of the Secretary's office with all things thereto appertaining be put into the hands of Coll. Wm Whiting, Esqr, and that he perform the duties belonging to that office, as Secretary *pro tempore*, or until the said Court of Election.

Resolved, That Nath. Stanly, Capt. John Hamlin, Wm Pitkin, Maj John Chester and John Haines, Esq^{rs}, Assistants, or any two of them, administer the Secretary's oath unto the said Coll. Whiting, as appointed hereby to be Secretary of this Colony, and take care that thereupon the records and other papers belonging to the said office be committed to him.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON APRIL 19TH, 1709.

Present:

The Governor, Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr.

Daniel Wetherell,
Richard Christophers, } Esq^{rs} *Assistants.*

Coll^{o} Benjamin Alford,
Lieut. Jonathan Prentts.
Lieut. John Richards.
George Denison.

Coll. Quarry's letter to the Governor, dated at Philadelphia October 25th 1708, was produced and read in Council and left upon the board.

A copy of certain clauses of instructions given to Coll. Robert Quarry by the Hon^{bl} the Commissioners of the Customs in London, dated Febr. 14th 1705, and Sept. 11. 1707, attested by Coll. Quarry and Capt. Shackmaple October 25th 1708, before the Mayor and Recorder of the city of Philadelphia, together with a copy of a letter from the Commissioners aforesaid to the Gov-

* Mr. Eleazer Kimberly, Secretary, deceased on February the third, 1708–9, in or about the seventieth year of his age. — *Glastonbury Records.*

ernor, were produced and read in Council and left upon the board;* which letters or copies aforesaid were brought to the Governor by Capt. Shackmaple the 17th instant.

The question being put, whether it be necessary for the safety of this government to have Coll. Quarry's commission for Surveyor General of the continent of America, or an attested copy of it, produced that it may be put upon record here, forasmuch as the Governor is to be assisting with his authority to the said Surveyor General, and to direct all officers and ministers under him to be aiding and assisting also: Resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That upon Coll. Quarry's producing his commission in this government for Surveyor General &c., or an attested copy of it, such officers as shall be by virtue of said commission authorized by him within this governmant shall be assisted in the execution of their offices.

Capt. George Denison is appointed Clerk of the Council.

Resolved, That a letter be writ in the name of the Governor and Council and signed by the clerk of the Council to Coll. Quarry, desiring him with convenient speed to send to the Governor a copy of his commission of Surveyor General attested, that it may be put upon record in the Secretary's office.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD MAY 7TH, ANNO DOM. 1709.

Present:

The Hon^bl Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour*,

Daniel Wetherell, Esqr, Nathanael Stanly, Esqr, William Pitkin, Esqr, } *Assistants.*

John Haines, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Capt. Samuel Eells,
Coll^o Wm Whiting, *Secretary.*

Resolved, That there shall be forthwith imprest in the several counties of this Colony 200 barrels of good pork, for victualling of the quota of men that are to march from this government for her Majesties service to Canada: *vizt.* 50 barrels out of each county. And also, that there shall be imprest 1200 bushels of wheat in the said counties, for victualling the said men: *vizt.* in the county of Hartford 200 bushels; in the county of Newhaven 400 bushels; in the county of New London 200 bushels, and in the county of Fairfield 450 bushels; and that the Secretary do forthwith issue out warrants directed to the sheriffs of the several counties, to impress their aforesaid proportions of wheat and pork, and the same to keep in safe custody until further order; and that the sheriffs be fully impowered to break open any door or other place where he does or may suspect any wheat or pork may be hid or

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* These are in *Trade & Maritime Affairs*, i, docs. 51, 52.

concealed. And it is ordered, that all persons shall be aiding and assisting to the sheriff herein. and that all civil and military officers shall give their assistance to their utmost power.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD MAY 13TH, ANNO DOM. 1709.

Present:

The Hon^{bl} Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*
The Hon^{bl} Nathan Gold, Esqr, *Deputy Governour.*

Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,	John Hamlin, Esqr,	*Assistants.*
Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,	Josiah Rossetter, Esqr,	
William Pitkin, Esqr.	John Haines, Esqr,	
John Chester, Esqr,	Samuel Eells, Esqr,	

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Colony do forthwith provide out of the publick treasury thereof a sufficient sum of ready money, to defray the charges and expences of the Hon^{bl} the Governour and his attendants in his journey to New York, where he is now going on the Colony's service.

AT A MEETING OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD, MAY 19TH, ANNO DOM. 1709.

Present:

The Hon^{bl} Nathan Gold, Esqr. *Deputy Governour.*

Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,	William Pitkin, Esqr,	*Assistants.*
Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,	John Chester, Esqr,	
John Hamlin, Esqr,	John Haines, Esqr,	

A report made by Caleb Stanly, surveyor of the county of Hartford, of his surveying, running and settling the line or boundary between the towns of Wethersfield and Farmington, pursuant to an order of the General Assembly held at Newhaven the 14th day of October 1708, was now by the said surveyor laid before this Board. And the Deputy Governour and Council having now considered the said survey and report thereof, do allow and approve the same, and order that it be recorded at large by the Secretary in the publick records of this Colony.

Resolved and ordered. That all the mogginsons and Indian shoes belonging to this Colony, now being in the towns of Hartford, Wethersfield, Middletown and Haddam, be now forthwith shipped on board Mr. Francis Hanmore his sloop, to be by him transported to Albany and delivered to our commissary there, or the chief commander of our forces going thither, for their use in the expedi-

tion to Canada; and that the civil authority in each of the said towns do take care that the same be shipped accordingly, and take receipts of all they shall put on board.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEWHAVEN THE 30TH MAY, ANNO DOM. 1709.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

The Honourable Nathan Gold, Esqr, *Deputy Governour.*

Joseph Curtis, Esqr,
Peter Burr, Esqr,
John Alling, Esqr,
Samuel Eells, Esqr, } *Assistants.*

Jerr. Osbourn. Esqr,
Abraham Bradly, Esqr,
Capt. Nathan Andrews, } *Justices.*

Agreed and resolved, That such quantities of pork and Indian corn be taken up as shall be necessary to satisfie for the duffels and other stores that must be procured for the supply of the forces of this Colony; and that warrants shall be forthwith issued out accordingly.

Resolved, That the wheat already taken up for the use of our forces in this Colony be shipped to Boston, to make money, to be improved in exchange for the bread and other stores needful for them.

Resolved, That an Imbargo be laid upon vessels bound to foreign parts as well as others, until all the provisions and stores for our troops be procured: *vizt.* pork for 5 months.

Agreed. That a company of our forces, *vizt.* 50 men with horses be sent with all convenient speed to Albany, to go up to the Wood Creek, to assist in making canoes and building a fort, for the reception of the stores; and that the rest of our forces do meet at Newhaven on the tenth day of June next.

Agreed and ordered, That a sloop at Newhaven or Milford be imprest by Major Eells, and mann'd for the transporting of stores to Albany; and that if the said sloop cannot be fitted, the said Major Eells shall provide another store vessel or other store vessels, for the carrying of 200 barrels of pork and 700 bushels of Indian corn to Albany.

Ordered, That what sacking is necessary for the transporting of our bread be taken up (as much as can be gained) in this Colony.

Whereas upon consideration of the affairs relating to the expedition to Canada, it appears necessary that the General Assembly should state and regulate several matters thereto appertaining,

It is therefore agreed, That a General Assembly be convened at Newhaven on Wednesday the eighth day of June next.

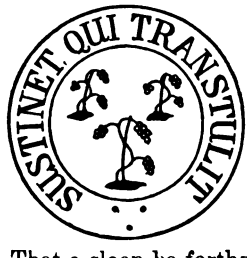
AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEWHAVEN JUNE 14TH, 1709.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Josiah Rossetter, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Samuel Eells, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Coll^{o} William Whiting.
Major John Livingstone.
Jeremiah Osborn, Esqr, *Justice.*
Capt. Nathan Andrews *Justice.*
Jonathan Law, Esqr, *Justice.*
Abraham Bradley, Esqr, *Justice.*

Whereas the General Assembly of this Colony at their session at Newhaven the 8th instant did order and enact, that publick bills of credit shall be emitted, and stamped with such stamps as the Governour and Council shall direct: Upon consideration of which, the Governour and Council do order and direct that the said bills of credit shall be all stamped with the arms of the Colony, or such a figure as this



Agreed and resolved, That a sloop be forthwith impressed for her Majesties service to transport her Majesties stores of pork, Indian corn and other things to Albany, for the use and service of the forces of this government in the expedition to Canada.

Mr. Joshua Hodgkis, sheriff of the county of Newhaven, and Samuel Peck, constable of the town of Newhaven, made information before this Board against John Miles sen^{r} of Newhaven, for that the said John Miles on the 13th day of this instant month of June, did use threatning words against them, the said sheriff and constable, when they were upon the execution of a writ for her Majesties service, by saying they should do it upon their peril &c. And thereupon the said John Miles was by order brought before this Board, to answer to the said information; and being examined thereon, made acknowledgment of his fault therein, in writing under his hand in the words following: that is to say, As for the foolish and passionate words I said to the Queen's officers in the execution of their work yesterday, I am very sorry for, and hope I shall not be guilty of the like, and pray your Honours forgiveness.

June 14th, 1709. John Miles.

Upon consideration of which, the said John Miles was dismist.

Agreed and resolved, That Mr. Jeremiah Dummer of Boston be sent to for six barrels of good gun-powder, for the Colony's use, to be sent to New London to the Governour.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEWHAVEN, JUNE 18TH, ANNO DOMINI 1709.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

John Alling, Esqr, } *Assistants.*
Samuel Eells, Esqr, }
Coll^o Wm Whiting, } *Justices.*
Lt. Coll^o Mathew Allyn, }

Jeremiah Osborn, Esqr, *Justice.*
Major John Livingstone,
Caleb Stanly, *Secretary.*

Agreed and resolved, That Mr. Joseph Whiting, commissary for the present expedition to Canada, shall be allowed and paid wages equal to captains in said expedition, for his service therein.

Whereas the proportion of men and of arms of several towns in this Colony is not yet sent to this place for the expedition against Canada as the writs to them respectively sent did require,

It is agreed and resolved, That writs be now again forthwith sent out, to cause the full proportion of both men and arms, and also for about fifty horses, to be speedily sent to this place to further the said expedition.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL AT NEW HAVEN JUNE 21ST, ANNO DOM. 1709.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Govr.*

John Alling, Esqr, } *Assistants.*
Samuel Eells, Esqr, }
Col^o William Whiting, } *Justices.*
Lieut. Coll^o Math. Allyn, }

Jeremiah Osborn, Esqr, *Justice.*
Major John Livingstone.

Resolved, That Capt. David Goodrich, adjutant of the regiment of this Colony, now going on the expedition against Canada, shall be allowed for his service the same wages that adjutants of the like number of troops are allowed in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, for the said expedition.

Agreed, That Peter Perrit be imployed and improved as a clerk, to assist Coll^o Wm Whiting in keeping a journal and drawing orders, letters and writings in the expedition to Canada; and that he shall be allowed wages for his service equal to serjeants in the said expedition.

Ordered, That 400 bushels of Indian corn more (besides what is already impressed) be speedily impressed and taken up and sent to New York, to purchase clothing and other necessaries for our souldiers in the present expedition against Canada.

Resolved and agreed, That Doctor and Doctor shall be allowed and paid for their service in the expedition against Canada the same wages as is allowed to doctors in the Massachusetts Bay upon the said expedition.

Ordered and resolved, That a sloop belonging to Mr. Jonathan Attwater of Newhaven, whereof John Walker is master, now gone to Albany on the Colony's service, shall be improved for an hospital sloop for our forces, and be sent to Canada (with the fleet from Boston) for that purpose.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AT NEW HAVEN JUNE 27, 1709.

Present:

The Governor.
John Alling, } Esq^rs.
Mr. Sam^ll Eells, }

Coll. Wm Whiting, }
Abraham Bradly, }
Mr. Jerem. Osburne, } *Justices.*
Capt. Nathan Andrews, }

Two expresses from Coll. Partridge, one of June 23d 1709, with a copy of a letter from Albany of June 19, 1709; another of June 29, 1709, with a copy of a letter from Albany June 22, 1709, were read at the Board. The latter of them contained advice, that a party of 40 French and 140 Indians marched from the head of Otter Creek the 19th of June, with a design to surprize Deerfield; that one man was killed and 2 wounded within 3 miles of Deerfield the 24th of this present month, and that its probable 2 men from Deerfield fell into the enemies hand the day before.

An express from the Committee of War at Hartford, dated June 24, 1709, was read, advising that upon the above intelligence they were marching 90 horse: 60 to Coll. Partridge and 30 to Symsbury.

Resolved, That the above orders given by the Committee of War, upon the intelligence, is what is requisite in that quarter till further advice.

A letter from Coll. Nicholson and Coll. Vetch, dated June 24, 1709, was read at this Board, signifying their opinion of the necessity of the Governor's being at Albany within ten days.

Resolved, That it is proper the Governor receive an express from Coll. Whiting at Albany before he determine upon going to Albany, especially considering the enemies party on our frontiers.

Ordered, That Coll. Whiting shall have of the country cash lately sent by the Treasurer to the Governor, the sum of twelve pounds, to enable him to defray the extraordinary expences which he may be obliged to at Albany, on the march of our troops to Canada

Ordered, That in case Mr. Jonathan Atwater's sloop, whereof John Walker is master, and is now in the country's service, return not soon enough from Albany to go as a hospital sloop from this government with the fleet to Quebeck, another sloop be taken up

and imployed in that service; and that Mr. Clark's sloop of Milford be so improved, if she can be had.

Ordered, That 50 steers of 4, 5 or 6 year old be purchased at the country charge, with all convenient speed, and sent under the care of some suitable persons to Coll. Whiting at Albany or Woodcreek, for the use of the forces; and particularly, that

Lt. Joseph Peck purchase	at Milford,	10	of said cattle.
Mr. Jeremiah Osburn	at N. Haven,	15	
Mr. John Sherman	at Woodberry,	7	
Michael Palmer	at Branford,	6	
Lt. Wooster	at Derby,	4	
Capt. Merriman	at Wallingford,	8	
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Which persons shall have direction sent to them by order of the Governor and Council so to do, ℔ Mr. Jeremiah Osburn, and to make return to him of their doings therein. And in case such a number of cattle as above cannot be purchased, that then they shall be impressed by warrant from John Alling, Esqr, apprized and sent as above by such persons as by the civil authority in the town of New Haven shall be appointed. This to be done with all convenient speed, without any further order or direction from the Governor.

At a meeting of the Council in N. London, July 13th 1709.

Present:

The Governor,
Dan^{ll} Witherell, } Esq^{rs}.
Rich. Christophers, } *Assistants.*

William Douglas,
Capt. John Hough,
Capt. George Denison, } *Freemen.*
Lt Jonathan Prentiss,
John Plumb,

Agreed, That a proclamation be emitted by the Governor, for the bringing in all accounts of disbursements made by any persons on the souldiers in the present expedition against Canada, with which the said souldiers ought to be charged; and for the speedy making up and signing all billeting accounts; as also to prevent the charge likely to fall upon the publique by the fault of such officers as impressed and sent ineffective men to the muster appointed in the government.

Agreed, That the souldiers of the train bands in N. London be ordered to meet on the 25th instant, at 1 of the clock after noon, on the meeting-house green, with a good firelock, a cartouch box, priming-wire and horn, worm, 3 flints, ½ a *lb.* of powder, 1 *lb.* ½ of ball fit, and their cartouch box fill'd out of them.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON JULY 25, 1709.

Present:
The Governor.
Dan[ll] Witherell } *Assistants.*
Rich. Christophers }
Capt. Hough, }
Deac. Douglas, } *Freemen.*
Lt. Jon[th] Prents, }
Deac. Plumb. }

Upon the occasion of the spoile done by the enemy on the sea coasts: the present expedition to Canada, and a drought general throughout the land, a proclamation for a day of Fasting and Prayer, on the 2d of August next, was read and passed in Council.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN N. LONDON, JULY THE 28TH, 1709.

Present:

The Governor's Honor,
Daniel Wetherell, } *Esquires, Assistants.*
Rich[d] Christophers, }

Nehemiah Smith, }
James Morgan, } *Justices.*
Nathaniel Cheesbrough }
Thomas Bolls } *Freemen.*
George Denison }

The petition of Fergus Medowel, executor, Prudence Minor, executrix of the last will and testament of Mr. John Hallam late of Stonington, deceased, and Elnathan Minor, husband to said Prudence, was presented to the Hon[ble] Governor and Council, wherein they request that an execution against said Hallam's estate (granted to Nicholas Hallam) may be stopt until they may by petitioning to the General Court obtain relief.

Information being exhibited to this Board, that Fergus Medowell, one of the petitioners, is in the custody of the sheriff, deputy sheriff, or keeper of the goal in New London county: Ordered, that a precept be issued to all or either of the said officers who may have the said Medowel in custody, to bring their said prisoner in their safe custody forthwith before the Governor and Council, that he may be heard on the said petition, unless the said Medowell shall desire not to be heard thereon.

The petitioners together with Mr. Nicholas Hallam's pleas having been heard by this Board, and considered, they do not see cause to impede or put any stop to the execution.

Complaint being exhibited to this Board by the Governor in behalf of the Pequot Indians, who had addressed him for that end, that certain persons have entered upon, built, fenced, and otherways occupied and improved, a considerable part of a tract of land within the bounds of New London patent, and now within the bounds of Groton, commonly called by the name of Nowayunke Neck; which tract of land has been antiently set out and appointed to them the said Pequot Indians, and improved by them for the space of above fifty years, until very lately that they have been so molested and very much discouraged; of which grievance they

have humbly desired to be relieved: And it appearing to this Board by the testimony of Capt. James Morgan and Mr. Nehemiah Smith, both assessors at this Board, that the said neck has been in the use and improvement of the said Indians for the space above-said, undisturbed until within a few years last past,

Ordered, That the sheriff of the county of New London do, with all convenient speed, require all such persons as have in the manner aforesaid entered upon the said land. or shall so do, to the disturbance of the said Indians, in her Majesties name, forthwith to remove themselves therefrom. and all the improvement they have made thereon; and that in case any persons whatsoever do continue so to molest the said Indians, the said sheriff do by virtue hereof, or a copy hereof under the hand of Capt. George Denison, clerk of the Council, in her Majesties name require all such intruders to appear at the next General Court, there to answer for their so doing. and to make return of his doings thereon to the said Court; and the aforesaid Capt. James Morgan and Mr. Nehemiah Smith, together with the present selectmen of Groton, are hereby appointed to make a view of the said tract of land according to the reputed antient bounds, giving notice of the time of their taking such view to the owners of the adjoyning land, and make report how they find the said bounds to the next General Court.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST THE 12TH 1709.

Present:
The Governor's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell, } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers, }
James Morgan, } *Justices.*
Nehemiah Smith, }
Capt. John Hough, } *Freemen.*
George Denison, }

Upon the occasion of two Pequod Indians, namely Ephraim and Peter, who had deserted from the camp at Woodcreek, the sachem and council of those Indians were sent for, and the deserters being present they were made sensible of their fault in deserting her Majesties service, after they had received her Majesties bounty: But considering that they were unacquainted with the English discipline, and in hopes to prevent the deserting of other Indians. by convincing them they would be made to return again if they should come home, it was agreed that upon the deserters returning immediately to the camp and good attendance upon her Majesties service there, their past fault be forgiven.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST THE 31ST 1709.

Present:		Thomas Bolles. *Justice.*
The Governour's Honour.	*Assistants.*	Capt. John Hough.
Daniel Wetherell,		Lieut. John Richards,
Richard Christophers,		George Denison.

Forasmuch as the fleet which has been so long expected from England for the expedition against Canada not being yet arrived at Boston, nor any certain intelligence of their coming at present, and the season being so far spent renders it impracticable that the small hospital sloop, named the Speedwell, should pass up the Canada River: This Board therefore conclude, that the said sloop be unladen of all the stores on board her with all the speed that may be and housed in some convenient place in this town, according to the Governor's order, and that Capt. Philips return with her to Middleton and be forthwith released.

Whereas several Indians belonging to this Colony, who were at her Majesties cost provided with arms in the expedition against Canada, have deserted that service from the camp at Woodcreek and brought off their arms with them: Ordered, that a proclamation be published for the securing and preserving those arms, that they may be ready for the use of the said Indians in the said expedition whensoever her Majestie shall give forth command: prohibiting all persons to buy, receive in pawn of the said Indians, or conceal any of her Majesties arms so bestowed on them, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost peril.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON SEPTEMBER THE 10TH, 1709.

Present:		Lieut. Jonathan Prents,	*Freemen.*
The Governour's Honour.		Mr. John Plumbe,	
Daniel Wetherell	*Assistants.*	Lieut. John Richards,	
Richard Christophers		George Denison.	

An act of the General Court held at Boston August 24th 1709, respecting the controversy of Infield and Suffield (directed to his Honour) was read in Council, in order to be sent to Hartford.

This Board concludes that an express be sent to the officers at Woodcreek, to have an account of the state of the army, and in what condition they are in respect of provision &c.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON SEPTEMBER THE 26TH, 1709.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell, } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers }

Maj^r John Livingston, }
Mr. John Plumbe, } *Freemen.*
Lieut. John Richards, }
George Denison, }

James Rogers jun^r, of New London, petitioning to this Board for relief respecting the evidences of William Beebe and Rowland Rogers, of said New London, which they gave oath to in a county court held in New London this present September, in an action of trespass commenced against him by James Rogers son of Joseph, for setting up fence at a place called Poquagog farm, which evidences he presumes were under a mistake and are contrary to the acts of the committee that was appointed for surveying and laying out those lands in the General Neck in said New London, whereby he, the said Rogers, is in danger of being very much wronged, and requests that some meet persons be appointed to go upon the spot and make a view of the said fence and the land where it stands, and draw up their opinions thereabout,

Ordered upon this petition, That Capt. John Hough, Lieut. John Richards (at the said Rogers charge) do perform the above work.

It is also ordered, That Capt. John Prentts, Mr. John Plumbe, and Lieut. Robert Lattemore, who were the committee above mentioned, do go to the place abovesaid and take a view thereof and draw up their evidences thereon. And the Council request that Richard Christophers, assistant judge of the county court, be present with them.

Upon receiving of several letters from the General and Collo. Whiting at the Woodcreek, bearing date the 20th and 21st of this month: Ordered, that an express be sent forthwith to the camp at Woodcreek with letters signifying the opinion of the Council, that after the general meeting of the Governours which is to be at Rhode Island next week, the troops will be drawn off from the camp at Woodcreek, leaving only a sufficient number for the securing of the forts there this winter; and that our quota in proportion with the other governments who shall stay for the garrisoning of the forts shall be relieved with a fresh detachment by order of the General Assembly in October next, unless any person will be free to stay in the garrison this winter upon the additional incouragement which the General Court may allow them.

Agreed, That orders be given to the gentlemen of the Council or Committee of War in the county of Hartford, to take immediate care that twenty fat cattle be immediately procured and sent to Colonel Whiting or the Commander-in-Chief of our troops in the camp at Woodcreek or forts erected in that frontier, for their use.

Ordered, That William Pitkin, Esqr, and Mr. John Eliot or Mr. Talcott, justice of the peace in Hartford, go with the Governour to

the general meeting of the Governours, Gentlemen of the Council and Assembly of the respective governments concerned in the expedition against Canada, at Rhode Island, which will be Wednesday come seven night.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON SEPT. THE 28TH 1709.

Present:

The Governour's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell, } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers }

Capt. John Hough. }
Lieut. Jonathan Prentts. } *Freemen.*
Lieut. John Richards. }
George Denison. }

Mr. John Edgecombe of New London moved to this Board that Mr. Robert Douglas might be examined respecting the last will and testament of Mr. Joshua Hemsted, late of New London, deceased; and the said will being in the custody of his son Joshua Hemstead of New London, it was demanded of him by this Board, that the said Douglas might be thereupon examined, and be denyed to deliver it into Council.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON NOVEMBER 10TH 1709.

Present:

The Governour's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell, } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers, }

Coll. William Whiting, }
Mr. John Eliot, }
Mr. John Richards, } *Freemen.*
George Denison, }
William Maltbe. }

Upon the representation of Coll. Whiting, that he with Maj^r Livingston stood bound to several gentlemen at Albany in divers sums taken up and expended for the use of our troops, which sums are payable in this present November and the next succeeding months of January and April; and whereas the treasury is at this present destitute of cash necessary to discharge the said debts: Order, that the Treasurer of this Colony shall take up, upon the credit of the treasury, so much money upon interest as is necessary to pay the said debts, and give security for it by bond in the Colony's name and behalf, and take care that the said debts be payd by the several times limited in the said bonds; and that the Treasurer shall take care to turn so much of the grain and provision which he shall receive upon the rate of this present year into cash, and make payment of the same to such persons as shall lend the money to the Colony upon interest, as above directed.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do forthwith take up money upon interest in like manner, to answer Sir Henry Ashhurst's bill of

exchange of 160*l*. New England money, which we accepted in May last, payable to Capt. Samuel Sewall, Esqr, and take care to pay the money so borrowed, out of the first grain and provision which he shall receive into the treasury.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do forthwith take up, in like manner aforementioned, so much money upon interest as will make the money ordered by the General Assembly October last to supply his Honour in his Agency for England.

Ordered, That two persons be forthwith sent to Albany, to bring off the horses our troops left there when they were drew off; which persons shall take and attend Coll. Whitings directions in this affair; and that the Treasurer supply the said two men (upon the publick charge of this Colony) with eight pounds in money for their expence.

Richard Christophers, Esqr, one of the committee appointed to audit the countries accounts in January next at Hartford, representing to this Board that he shall not be able to attend that service: It is therefore ordered, that John Hayns, Esqr, be added to that committee.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON NOVEMBER 18TH, 1709.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell. } *Assistants.*
Richd Christophers }

Coll. William Whiting, }
Maj^{r} John Livingston, } *Freemen.*
Capt. John Hough, }
Lieut. John Richards, }

Ordered, That the Treasurer do forthwith pay out of the treasury the several debts contracted at Albany and New York by Coll. Whiting and Maj^{r} Livingston, for the use of our troops in our last summer's expedition while they were out of this Colony. And in case the Treasurer can't discharge those debts and take up the bonds given by Coll. Whiting and Maj^{r} Livingston on that occasion out of the treasury, and by the time limited in said bonds,

It is hereby further ordered, That the Treasurer shall give bond in the name of the government to any person, to pay him in cash within twelve months those several sums that Coll. Whiting and Maj^{r} Livingston have given bond for at Albany for the use of our troops, in case such persons will take up their bonds (with interest at six pounds *per cent.*) to be payd in the same specie, for the said time.

Ordered, That the Treasurer should in the same manner pay the bill of exchange for £160 drawn upon this government by Sir Henry Ashurst and accepted last spring, and which is to be payd to Samuel Sewal, Esqr, of Boston.

Ordered, That the Treasurer shall not further proceed upon the late act of the Council for procuring money for the Agency to England, until he receive other order from this Board.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON DECEMBER THE 5TH, 1709.

Present:

The Governour's Honour.

Daniel Wetherell,	*Assistants.*	Maj^r John Livingston,	*Freemen.*
Richard Christophers,		Lieut. John Richards,	
John Eliot, *Justice of the Peace,*		George Denison,	

A petition being preferred to this Board by Daniel Blyn, John Moorcock, Samuel Howard, Benjamin Woolcott, James Patterson, Thomas Curtice, Sherebiah Butt, in behalf of Jonah Gross,* owners and freighters on the vessells now under seisure by Mr. John Shackmaple, collector: the one named the Sarah and Mary, twelve tuns; the other the Diamond, being twenty-five tuns; that the said vessels and goods are not only here detained in the port of New London to their very great damage, and the winter season being near, are not likely to proceed on their voyage and improve their effects this winter without a speedy release, but also the goods to a very considerable value are perishing, and the collector being gone out of the government without leaving any person as is known of, to act in his behalf, and his return very uncertain, do desire that their vessels and goods may be released upon their bonds and sufficient security given, and also that the vessels and goods abovesaid may be brought to as speedy a tryal as may be: It appearing to this Board, that some of the goods on board the said vessels were of a perishing nature, likely to be much damnified; and also, that the collector who seized the said vessels is out of the government, and has been so for the space of twelve days, and it being uncertain when he will return,

Ordered, That upon bonds given with sufficient standing security to double the value of the said vessels and goods on board them, to answer such judgment as shall be obtained against the said vessel and goods by the said collector, upon whatsoever breach of statute he may alledge against them in any court that shall have jurisdiction or cognisance of the same, the said vessels with their lading shall be released, and the masters be admitted to proceed to the respective ports of Boston and Say-Brook whither they are bound.

Resolved, That such bonds as are tendred according to the abovesaid order shall be taken to the collector, for her Majesties use.

Resolved, That if any freighter of goods on board the said vessels shall tender bond as above for said goods, he shall have the said goods released and liberty to transport them to the port where the said vessels were obliged to deliver them.

Resolved, That before any release of either the said vessels or goods, or any part of them, the said vessels and goods, or any part of them, so to be released, shall be apprized by two persons under

* This petition is in *Trade & Maritime Affairs,* i, 62.

oath, who shall be chosen one by the collector or such person as shall have said vessels and goods in his custody for said collector, or by the clerk of the Council in case the said collector or such person deputed by him shall refuse; the other by the master or freighters respectively. And the said apprisement being signed by the said apprizers be returned to the clerk of the Council, and the abovesaid bonds also lodged in the said clerk's hands.

Resolved, That upon the apprizement of the said vessels and goods, and bonds given as aforesaid and lodged in the hands of the clerk of the Council, the said clerk shall sign an order to such person or persons as have the said vessels and goods under seisure and in their custody, to release the said vessels and goods to the masters and freighters respectively.

Capt. Daniel Wetherell desires to be excused from giving his opinion in the resolves above.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON DECEMBER 7TH 1709.

Present:

The Governor.
Capt Dan[l] Witherell } Esq[rs],
Rich[d] Christophers }

Maj[r] John Livingstone,
Capt. John Hough,
Lt. John Richards,
Mr. John Pickett.

Whereas by an order of Council bearing date Nov. 10th 1709, the Treasurer is directed and enabled to take up so much money upon interest as is sufficient to discharge the debts contracted by Coll. Whiting and Maj[r] Livingstone while at Albany, to procure necessaries there for the use of the troops of this government in the late expedition against Canada, and for which they have given their bond,

It is hereby ordered, That in the bonds which the Treasurer shall give upon the borrowing the said money he shall oblige himself in the Colonies name to pay both the principal and interest in the same species: that is to say, in current money of New England.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON JANUARY THE 3[D] 1709–10.

Present:

The Governour's Honour.
Capt. Daniel Wetherell }
Richard Christophers } *Assistants.*
Lieut. Jonathan Prentts }

Deacon John Plumbe.
George Denison.
Thomas Bolles.
Lieut. John Richards.

The Governour laid before the Council the account of Jeremiah Dummer, Esq[r], of sales of wheat for the Colony, and powder which he ship't on the Colony's account on board Capt. Miles, together with the expence he has been at for the Colony in procur-

ing our money plates and printing our bills, which account bears date Nov. 11th 1709, and the balance of which is £46 16 10. And moreover the Governour represented to this Board, that the said Mr. Dummer had the care of printing eleven thousand pounds of bills ordered by the late Assembly, part of which he had already sent up for the committee for signing of them: Whereupon it is ordered, that the Treasurer take as speedy and effectual care as may be, to pay the said Mr. Dummer the balance of his accounts.

Upon the complaint of Lieut. Wells of Haddam &c., that the order of Assembly holden at New Haven October 13th 1709, relating to the choosing officers proper for the said town at the place and on the said time, *viz:* the 3d Tuesday of December last, has not been attended, by which order the said Lieut. Wells and Capt. Thomas Gates of said town were appointed to warn the inhabitants of the said town to attend the choice at the meeting aforesaid. And the Council having heard the report of the said Wells and Gates relating to the said matter, and what papers were offered by each of them concerning that affair, do find, that the said order was not duly attended and town officers chosen according to the direction thereof on said day, which may be of great prejudice to the said town:

It is therefore ordered, That the said Wells and Gates do each of them, as specified in said order, warn the inhabitants of the said town to meet at the place appointed in the said order, *viz.* at the meeting-house on the west side the river in said town, on the third Tuesday of this present January, or in case the difficulty of the weather or river prevent their meeting the said third Tuesday, on the Tuesday next ensuing the same, to choose town officers and make orders as the law directs and the said order provides.

And it is further ordered, That all such persons as are inhabitants of said town and qualified to be admitted to the election of town officers, as the law directs, shall be in the said meeting admitted, if they present themselves for that end, and allowed to improve the priviledge of voting in the said meeting with other lawful electors, in the choices then and there to be made, and orders to be passed; and that the said Wells and Gates, one or both of them, shall take the votes of the said meeting for the admission of the said persons, and also all other votes to be passed in the said meeting, and make a roll of the persons so admitted, which shall be entered in the records of the said town by the clerk who shall be chosen to the said office in the town.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON FEBR. 4TH, 1709–10.

Present:

The Governour's Honour,
Daniel Wetherell, } Esqrs.
Richard Christophers }

Jonathan Prentts, }
John Plumbe, } *Freemen.*
John Richards, }
George Denison, }

Several letters presented by his Honour the Governour to be sent, *viz:* one to the Earl of Sunderland, of January 31, 1709-10, one to the Lords of the Committee of Trades, of Febr. 2, 1709-10, one to Sir Henry Ashhurst, of Jan. 30th, 1709-10, and a memorial to Sir Henry Ashhurst of the same date, likewise a letter to Coll. Nicholson of Febr. 3, 1709-10, were read, approved, and ordered to be sent by the man of war that convoys the mast fleet, which sails in a short time.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON FEBR. 9TH, 1709-10.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell, } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers, }
Coll. Will. Whiting.
Nehemiah Smith, *Justice.*
Lieut. Jonathan Prentts.
George Denison.

A letter from the committee of accounts, bearing date Febr. 5th, 1709-10, was read in Council, and an answer to said letter dated Febr. 9th, 1709-10, was read and approved of.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON MARCH 20TH, 1709-10.

Present:
The Hon^rd Governour.
Daniel Wetherell, } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers, }
Mr. William Douglas,
Lieut. Jonathan Prentts,
Mr. John Plumbe,
George Denison.

Two letters were read at this Board concerning the detaining of provision in this Colony: the one from the Council at Fairfield, bearing date March the 13th, 1709-10; the other from the Council at Hartford, dated March the 14th, 1709-10: Considered and agreed thereupon, that order be issued out to the several officers in each of the ports of this Colony, requiring them to grant clearings to coasting vessels that have either wheat or pork on board them to this port of New London only, till further order given them by the Governour, and to signifie to such coasting vessels that care will be taken to provide a convoy for them by the middle of April next.

A letter from Roger Mompesson, Esqr, judge of the court of admiralty, and a letter from Capt. John Shackmaple, collector, bearing date Febr. 27th, 1709-10, were read in Council; wherein they inform they are coming this week to try the vessels that were seized.

The Council is adjourned to Wednesday next at six o'clock in the evening.

AT A COUNCIL HELD AT NEW LONDON MARCH 24TH, 1709–10.

Present:

The Governour's Honour.

Daniel Wetherell, Esqr. } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers. Esqr, }

Mr. George Denison.
Mr. Jonathan Pentts,
Mr. John Richards,
Mr. John Plumb.

The Honble Roger Mompesson, Esqr, produced a commission from his Royal Highness, Prince George of Denmark, deceased, bearing date April 1st *anno Dom.* 1703, in the second year of her Majesties reign, for Judge of the Admiralty in this Colony.* by virtue of which he would proceed to tryal of the sloops seized in this port last fall by Capt John Shackmaple, collector: Upon consideration of which it was thought proper for the Governour to convene a Council of the Deputy Governour and Assistants, with as much speed as may be, at Saybrook, to resolve upon this affair; as supposing it to be a matter likely to be attended with effects of great consequence to this government.

AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN SAYBROOK MARCH 29TH, 1710, AND CONTINUED TO THE 31ST DAY OF THE SAME.

Present.

The Honble Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,
Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,
John Hamlin, Esqr,
William Pitkin, Esqr,
Joseph Curtis, Esqr,
Josiah Rossetter, Esqr,
Richard Christophers, Esqr,
Peter Burr, Esqr,
Samuel Eells, Esqr,
} *Assistants.*

Roger Mompesson, Esqr, his commission for Judge of the Admiralty in the Colony of Connecticut &c., bearing date the first day of April *anno Dom.* 1703, in the second year of her Majesties reign, was produced and read. And upon debate it was agreed, *nemine contradicente*, that the commission was such as according to the statutes ought to take place within this government in all cases belonging to the jurisdiction of the admiralty.

The Governour laid before the Council the state of the collector's office.

The Governour proposed the securing provision, in case her Majestie should revive the expedition against Canada

And thereupon it is ordered, That no pork shall be shipped on board any vessel to be transported out of this Colony, or be transported accordingly, or be allowed by any officers in any of the ports of this government to be exported, from and after the first day of April next, to the 15th day of May ensuing.

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*A copy of the commission, which is in latin, is in *Trade & Maritime Affairs*, i, 36.

Ordered, That the whole charge of the Council at this present meeting, amounting to the sum of sixteen pounds eight shillings and two pence, be forthwith paid by the Treasurer out of the Colony treasury; and that the Secretary shall draw and sign an order to the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD, MAY 24TH, 1710.

Present:
The Governour.
The Honble Nathan Gold, *D. Govr.*
John Hamlin,
Nath. Stanly,
Wm. Pitkin,
Maj^r Chester,
Maj^r Burr,
John Hains,
Sam. Eells,
Coll. Allyn.
} Esq^rs, *Assistants.*

Ordered, That the Secretary sign a warant to the Treasurer to pay 20*l.* granted by the Assembly to the Honble Robt Treat, Esqr, to Maj^r Saml Eells, (taking his receipt therefor) to be delivered as granted.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD MAY 30TH, ANNO DOM. 1710.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
The Dept. Gov^rs Honour.
Nath. Stanly,
John Hamlin,
Wm. Pitkin,
John Chester,
Peter Burr,
John Haynes,
Samuel Eells,
Math. Allyn,
} Esq^rs. *Assistants.*

Ordered, That the Secretary do forthwith draw and sign an order to the Treasurer to send the sum of fifty pounds in our bills of credit to Richard Christophers, Esqr. at New London, to be lodged in his hands for the payment of posts sent to and from New London as occasion may require; and also to pay to James Harris of New London, a post, thirteen shillings, and to John Holmes, a post from New London, eleven shillings.

Ordered, That whereas the Treasurer hath lately reckoned with the constable of Stratford, upon the rate granted in June last, and lately collected, before the setting of the General Assembly in this instant, and hath allowed him four pence upon the pound for collecting the same, as formerly they used to be allowed: Therefore the same shall be allowed to the Treasurer out of the publick treasury accordingly.

The Governour produced in Council a deed from Owaneco † of a certain part of the Mohegan Fields, granted to him with John

* Hon. Robert Treat died at Milford July 12, 1710, in his 89th year. The grant was made at the May session, 1710. *Ante*, vol. v, 153.

† A copy of this deed is in *Indians*, i, 67, 68. The order for payment for the survey was made Nov. 11, 1710. *Ante*, vol. v, 191.

Mason &c. as feoffees in trust, for the uses therein expressed, and no other; which deed bears date May 10th, 1710.

Whereupon it was resolved, That the said Owaneco and the Indians to whose use the said land is saved should be assured by the Governour that they do fully consent, that the said part of Mohegan Fields be so saved and secured to them forever, by a further act of the Assembly. And the Governour is desired to direct the surveyor of the county of New London, to make an exact map of the whole Mohegan Fields both of that part which he holds in trust and the residue of it, that it may be laid before the next General Assembly, together with an accompt of all English claimers of land therein, that the said Assembly may take such order as they shall see meet, for the more full and effectual settlement of the said fields, so that no injury may be done to said Indians.

Ordered, That the Secretary do draw and sign an order to the Treasurer, to deliver twenty pounds in our bills of credit to the Honble the Deputy Governour, to be lodged in his hands at Fairfield, for the payment of posts, as occasion may require.

Whereas it has been shewn in Council, that the listers for Branford in the year 1709, did upon the act made in the General Assembly holden in Hartford the 12th day of May 1709, entituled An act determining what persons shall be entered in the publick lists of estate for the year 1709, with some exceptions, assess the Reverend Mr. Russell of said Branford fourfold, to the value of 488*li.*: The Council is of opinion, that no such fourfold ought to be assessed; and therefore order the Secretary to issue out a precept to the constables of said town, prohibiting them to demand of the said Mr. Russell the said fourfold assessment, and if they have already received it, to return the same unto him.

Upon the request of Mr. John Copp of Norwalk, and upon his offer of a bond of 200 *li.* under the hand of Mr. John Belden and Mr. Buckingham and Mr. Haynes his sureties, the Governour and Council do hereby order that the Treasurer do lend and deliver of the bills of credit already brought in for rates by the constables to the said John Copp the sum of one hundred pounds, to be paid to the said Treasurer again in 4 years, with three pounds *per cent. per annum* interest, in the said bills, or else in bullion at 8*s.* the ounce, to be inserted in the condition of the said bond.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON JUNE THE 20TH, 1710.

Present:
The Governour.
Daniel Wetherell, Willm Pitkin, Richard Christophers, } Esq^rs^.
Jonathan Prentts,
John Richards,
George Denison,

Ordered, That Richard Christophers, Esqr. make the several payments hereafter mentioned out of the bills of credit lodged in his hands belonging to the Colony, *vizt.* to Benj. Uncas, as a gratuity for his good service at the lake the last summer, 16*s.*

To Luke Perkins, for his horse a post to Hartford in May last, being detained there nigh three weeks, 0 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Lieut. Richards, for going to Hartford and from thence to Say Brook by special order from the Governour and Council March last, bearing his expences part of the time, having his own horse, and was five days upon the service, 1 0 0

To Thomas Starr, for his horse to Hartford riden by Mr. Adams who preached the election sermon, 0 8 0

To the relations of Young Horse Coult kill'd at Crown Point the last summer, 1 12 0

To his Honour the Governour, for so much paid by him to Jonathan Bunce for coming post from Hartford, himself and horse, 0 10 10

Ordered, That a gun in the custody of Lieut. John Richards be delivered to the widow of Thomas Munsell, which gun was prest from James Smith for the said Munsell on her Majesties service the year past, and payd for by said Munsell.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD JUNE 26TH, ANNO DOM. 1710.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Nathanael Stanly, Esqr, John Haynes, Esqr, William Pitkin, Esqr, Mathew Allyn, Esqr, Richard Christophers, Esqr. } *Assistants.*

Colonel William Whiting, *A freeman.*

Caleb Stanly, *Secretary.*

The Governour and Council have resolved to desire and appoint, and accordingly do appoint and order Mr. John Read to joyn with and assist the gentlemen of the committee appointed by the General Assembly of this Colony in May, 1709, to overlook and revise the laws now in manuscript, in the doing of that service, on the publick charge of this Colony. And it is also ordered, that the said committee do speedily attend that work and prepare the same to be laid before the General Assembly in October next, to be by them passed and ordered to be printed.

Henry Stiles sen^{r} and Daniel Haydon sen^{r}, of Windsor, personally appeared at this Board and presented an evidence by them drawn up in writing, relating to a certain tract of land lying at and near a place called the Warehouse Point, on the east side of Connecticutt River, which said tract of land hath been and is commonly called Saltonstall's Park. And the said Stiles and Haydon prayed they might, respectively, now be admitted to affirm the same upon their oath, and it was allowed; and the said Henry Stiles and Daniel Haydon now made oath to their said evidence

before this Board accordingly. Ordered, that their said evidence be recorded at large with the records of the Council.

Henry Stiles sen^r, of Windsor, aged about seventy-nine years, and Daniel Haydon sen^r, of Windsor, aged about sixty-nine years, joyntly testifie and declare as follows, that is to say: That they very well knew and was intimately acquainted with Mr. Francis Stiles formerly of said Windsor, and that they have often heard the said Francis Stiles declare and say, that he was sent over from England into New England by Sir Richard Saltonstall, Knight, to take up a tract of land for him, of about two thousand acres, upon Connecticut River, and to fence it in for a park;* and that accord-

* Sir Richard Saltonstall came over with John Winthrop in 1630, and remained in this country nearly a year. He was one of the grantees in the deed of the earl of Warwick, March 19th, 1631-2, commonly called the old Connecticut Patent. He sent over a bark of forty tons, (the Christian of London, John White master,) with twenty servants under the superintendence of Francis Stiles, to prepare a place for himself and others. This was the first attempt on the part of the patentees to reduce any portion of their territory to possession. The ship arrived at Boston June 16, 1635, and after a stay of about ten days Stiles and his men sailed for what is now Windsor, but they were interfered with in impaling land there by Mr. Ludlow and others from Dorchester, who were proposing to make a settlement. Stiles returned to England to report, and Sir Richard wrote about it, Feb. 27, 1635-6, to John Winthrop jun., who in the previous July had been appointed by the patentees governor of the river Connecticut with the places adjoining. By the title of Governor we must not suppose that the earl or his grantees could confer power of government: that could only come from the crown: Winthrop was but their resident managing director. In October 1635, soon after their arrival in America, Henry Vane, Winthrop and Hugh Peters, as agents of the patentees present in New England, addressed a letter to Messrs. Ludlow, Maverick, Newberry, Stoughton, and the rest engaged in the business of Connecticut plantations in the town of Dorchester, asking, whether those lately removed from the Massachusetts Bay to take up plantation within the limits of the Connecticut patent acknowledged the rights of the persons of quality interested in said patent, and in testimony thereof would submit to the counsel and direction of their present governor Mr. John Winthrop the younger, established by commission from them in those parts. Secondly, under what right and pretence they had lately taken up their plantations within the precincts forementioned, and what government they intended to live under, because the said country is out of the claim of the Massachusetts patent. Item, what answer and reasons they might return to the said patentees, if the said towns intended to intrench upon their rights and privileges and justify the same.

Sir Richard, who had intended to build at Hartford and join Mr. Hooker, sent over his son Robert about 1640, to see to his Windsor lands, and it seems that about 2024 rod of pale was set up.

At the session of the General Assembly, May 1710, an act was passed to establish the north line of Windsor, in which it was provided that nothing therein should be construed to the prejudice or hurt of the heirs of Sir Richard Saltonstall, deceased, in their claim and right to a tract of land near the Warehouse Point, commonly called Saltonstall's Park.

Some of the authorities are, *Col. Records*, i, *id.* v. 147; *Mass. Hist. Soc. Collections*, xxviii. 252, xxxvi, 579, xli, 216, 240; *Winthrop's Journal*, ed. 1853, i, 192, 202, 477; *Transactions Am. Antiq. Society*, vii, 367.

ingly he, said Francis Stiles, had taken up that quantity of land for the said Saltonstall on the east side the said river, at and near the place called Warehouse Point, at the foot of the falls between Windsor and Endfield; and that the same park was one mile in breadth from north to south at the said river, and did run east with that breadth from the river until it included the quantity of two thousand acres; and that the said river was the west bounds thereof; also, that a certain brook running upon the said tract of land, commonly called Saltonstall's Brook, and the said place called Warehouse Point, are both comprehended and contained within the said park, and that he, said Francis Stiles, had purchased the said tract of land for a park of one Ne-row-we-nock, an Indian sachem. And the said deponents also testifie and say, that they have formerly heard the ancient inhabitants of Windsor tell and declare, that the said Francis Stiles was agent for the said Sir Richard Saltonstall, and that he did take up the aforementioned tract of land for a park for him, and that the said brook was first named Saltonstall's Brook, by reason of its being within the said Park. And the said deponents further testifie and say, that to their certain knowledge the said brook hath been commonly called Saltonstall's Brook, and the said point commonly called Warehouse Point, for above fifty years last past, and that they never heard or knew of any person whatsoever that did ever yet improve or manure any part of the park, or tract of land aforementioned, to this day. And the said Daniel Haydon further testifies and says, that about sixty years ago he saw a company of men going towards the said park to work, and that his father, William Haydon, then told him they were going to fence in the said park. And the said Henry Stiles also further says, that he hath seen an high palisado fence that was set up and standing near the south side of the said park about sixty years ago. And further say not.

The above named Henry Stiles and Daniel Haydon made oath to their abovewritten evidence, severally, before the Governour and Council in Hartford, June 26th, 1710. *Test.* Caleb Stanly *Secretary.*

The aforegoing is a true copy of the original evidence, examined

per CALEB STANLY *Secretary.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN HARTFORD JUNE 27TH, 1710.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
Nath. Stanly,
Wm. Pitkin,
Josiah Rosseter,
R^d Christophers,
John Haynes,
Math. Allyn,
John Alling,
} Esq^rs., *Assistants.*

It is ordered and resolved, That the Secretary do draw and sign an order to the Treasurer to deliver and pay out of the publick treasury in the bills of credit, the sum of twenty-four pounds as money, unto the said Secretary, for the defraying of the charge of the Court of Assistants now sitting and called

by special order of the Honble the Governour, and to be by him, the said Secretary, paid out to the several persons to whom it is due.

Capt. Tho. Wells of Wethersfield complained to this Board, that he hath not been allowed anything for serving as a commissary to his company in the county of Hampshire in the year 1708, as other captains were. The Governour and Council do order, that the gentlemen of the committee upon accounts do overlook that matter, and if they find he hath not had such allowance as others had, that then they grant it to him accordingly.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON, JULY 3D, 1710.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell } Esq^rs^.
Richard Christophers }
Jonathan Prentts } *Justices and Quorum.*
John Plumbe }
John Richards,
George Denison.

Ordered, That there be payd out of the treasury of this Colony to Mr. Daniel Starling of Lyme five pounds ten shillings, as money, for a boat of his that was lost in the countries service in the year 1708.

Ordered, That Richard Christophers, Esqr, pay the abovesaid sum of five pounds ten shillings, as money, to Mr. Daniel Starling of Lyme, with the several sums hereafter mentioned out of the Colony bills that are in his custody: *viz.*

To Stephen Hurlbut 3*s.*, and to five persons more of his company 2*s.* each, for their service in going to Fishers Island from New London upon an alarm.

To Mr. John Plumbe, as per his account,	00	16*s.*	6*d.*
To Jasper Latham, for himself and horse to Rhode Island upon an alarm, being 50 miles, and 1*s.* paid for ferriage,	0	11	10
To Joseph Avery, for himself and horse post to the same place upon further intelligence,	0	11	10
To Joshua Bill, for himself and his horse once to Stonington and once to Paucatuck, upon the same occasion,	0	08	00
To Cary Latham, constable, for pressing the posts and their horses,	0	04	00
To Ditto, for pressing a man and horse to send to Rhode Island upon an alarm in May,	0	01	00
To Benjamin Starr, for going post 11 miles towards Hartford to the Governour,	0	01	08

James Rogers jun^r^, as administrator of the estate of his grandfather Mr. James Rogers, deceased, complained that a negro woman

of New London, called Hagar, with a child of hers were slaves to his said grandfather, and that of them he died possessed; and that he, the said administrator, had demanded them as parcel of the said estate, with some other children born of said Hagar since the decease of the said James Rogers, but they refused to yield themselves unto him.

And the said Hagar appearing in answer to the said complaint, and pleading that she has lawfully obtain'd her freedom and her children from her said former master, and therefore could not be reckoned as parcel of said estate:

It was agreed, That if the said Hagar would give bond before an Assistant or justice of the peace, with sufficient sureties, to make out at the next county court to be holden in New London the freedom she had alledged for herself and children, both she and they should be secured against any further process or action of the said administrator till the said plea of freedom should be heard and determined; which was accordingly published to the said Hagar.

MEMORANDUM. To procure from the Secretary the order of Court for recovering money from those soldiers that are overpayd their wages in the late service. And also a copie of Thomas Bayly, of Groton, his account, and to be signed by the committee: he having been overpayed.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL JULY THE 20TH, 1710.

Present:
The Governour's Honour.
Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,
Richd Christophers, Esqr,
Maj^{r} John Livingston.
Mr. John Plumbe.
Lieut. John Richards.
George Denison.

Her Majesties letter to the Governour and Commander in Chief, sent by Coll Nicholson from Boston, together with a copie of her Majesties commission to himself, appointing him General and Commander in Chief of the forces raised and to be imployed in the expedition designed for the reducing of Port Royal, as also an abstract of her Majesties instructions to him given for execution of said commission, were read in Council.

Resolved, That an Assembly be forthwith called for the speedy and effectual executing the part belonging to this government in the said expedition.

Ordered, That a General Assembly by called at New Haven, to meet the 4th day of August next, and that the Secretary give out warrants for the same, to the county of Hartford, Newhaven and Fairfield, and that the clerk of the Council give warrants for the county of New London.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Colony do forthwith provide out of the publick treasury thereof, a sufficient sum of ready money to defray the charges and expences of the Honble the Governour and his attendants in his journey to Boston, where he is now going on her Majesties service.

Ordered, That Richard Christophers, Esqr, pay out of the country bills in his hands, unto Benjamin Starr, for riding post on her Majesties service to Menneck, the sum of three pounds and ten shillings.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEWHAVEN AUGUST 11TH, 1710.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*
The Honourable Nathan Gold, Esqr, *Deputy Governour.*

John Hamlin, Esqr,	Richard Christophers, Esqr,	*Assistants.*
William Pitkin, Esqr,	John Alling, Esqr,	
Joseph Curtis, Esqr,	John Haynes, Esqr,	
John Chester, Esqr,	Samuel Eells, Esqr,	
Josiah Rossetter, Esqr,	Mathew Allyn, Esqr,	

It is ordered and resolved, That Capt. Joseph Whiting, Treasurer of this Colony, do forthwith convey to New London the sum of three thousand pounds of the bills of publick credit of this Colony, and deliver the same to Richard Christophers, Esqr, Assistant there, to be disposed of for the setting forth the expedition against Port Royal and Nova Scotia, according to the order of the General Assembly of this Colony.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST 21ST, 1710.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*
The Worshipfull Daniel Wetherell, Esqr.
Richard Christophers, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Capt. Joseph Whiting, *Treasurer.*
Colonel William Whiting, *Freeman.*
Jonathan Prentts, Esqr, John Plumb, Esq^rs^, *Justices.*
Lieut. John Richards, *Freeman.*

Agreed and resolved, That Capt. Andrew Belcher of Boston be requested and desired, to procure and purchase at Boston 50 barrels of pork, of the best that he can get, for the use of the regiment of this Colony on the expedition now going forward against Port Royal &c., on the easiest terms he can. And a letter was forthwith wrote to him for that end by the Governour.

Resolved, That there be forthwith purchased and provided good fat cattle sufficient to make thirty barrels of beef, to be forthwith killed and salted up, for victualling the regiment of this Colony on the expedition against Port Royal.

Agreed and resolved, That Mr. Commissary Christophers, at the cost and charge of this Colony, do procure and provide at Boston duffels and all sorts of slop cloathing, to carry with him in the transport vessels on the expedition against Port Royal, for the supply of the regiment of this Colony as their need may require; and therein to take the advice of the Honble the Governour and Colo. Wm Whiting and Capt. John Hamlin, when they arrive at Boston. And that the said commissary shall pay and deal out to the officers and souldiers of the said regiment the said slop clothing and goods at the same rate that they cost.

It is concluded and resolved, That Capt. Adam Clark, master of the transport ship now taken up at New London for the expedition against Port Royal, be allowed but nine men besides himself and one boy, for the manning the said ship, and no more; whereof one to be a cooper and one a carpenter.

Ordered and resolved, That Richard Christophers, Esqr, do forthwith pay to Capt. Richard Bushnell the sum of 3*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.* in bills of the Colony's in his hands, to satisfie for wooden bouls, platters and cans, which he has provided for the use of our regiment on the expedition against Port Royal, and for buying and apprizing them and bringing them to New London. *An order was forthwith drawn and sent to Mr. Christophers accordingly.*

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST 22D, ANNO DOM. 1710.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*
The Worshipfull Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,
Richard Christophers, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Capt. Joseph Whiting, *Treasurer.*
Colonel William Whiting, *Freeman.*
Jonathan Prentts, Esqr, John Plumb, Esqr, *Justices.*
Lieut. John Richards, *Freeman.*

Agreed and ordered, That Capt. Joseph Whiting, Treasurer of this Colony, do forthwith convey to New London the sum of one thousand pounds of the bills of publick credit of this Colony, and deliver the same to Richard Christophers, Esqr, Assistant, to be disposed of for setting forth the expedition against Port Royal and Nova Scotia, according to the order of the General Assembly of this Colony.

It is ordered and resolved, That Mr. Commissary Christophers do deliver and pay out of the Colony's money that now is or that may be delivered into his hands by order of this Board, all and every such sum and sums as he shall be directed and ordered to pay to any person or persons whatsoever by the Honble the Governour, for and towards the providing and furnishing the regiment of this Colony with victuals, clothing and all necessary stores whatsoever, and render an account of such his payments to Richard Christophers, Esqr.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST 26TH, ANNO DOM. 1710.

Present:
The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*
The Worshipfull Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,
John Hamlin, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Richard Christophers, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Samuel Eells, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Capt. Joseph Whiting, *Treasurer.*
Col. William Whiting, *A freeman.*

It is ordered and agreed, That whereas by the order of the Honble the Governour there is impressed and taken into her Majesties service four certain vessels for the transporting the regiment of this Colony and their stores of provision, arms, ammunition &c., upon the expedition against Port Royal and Nova Scotia, that is to say: One new ship, called the Mary Gally, of the burthen of about 90 tuns, belonging to Mr. John Vryling of Boston, merchant, which (as appears by his account on file) cost in building and fitting the sum of nine hundred and six pounds. One brigantine, called the Mary, of the burthen of about ninety-six tuns, belonging to Capt. John Prout of Newhaven, merchant, which is now apprized to be of the value of seven hundred pounds. One new sloop, called the Six Friends, of the burthen of about fifty five tuns, belonging to Mr. Samuel Dotey of Saybrook &c., which (as appears by his account on file) cost in building and fitting the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds. And one sloop, called the Elizabeth, of the burthen of about 48½ tuns, belonging to Mr. John Burroughs of Saybrook &c., which is now apprized to be of the value of three hundred and forty pounds. And that in case any of the said transport vessels shall perish and be lost in the said service, there shall be paid to the owners of them, out of the publick treasury of this Colony, the value of the same according to the cost and apprizement of them respectively as aforementioned.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do forthwith buy and purchase one

barrel of gunpowder and one hundred weight of bullets or lead, for the use of the regiment of this Colony upon the expedition against Port Royal &c.

Resolved, That there be two pair of colours bought and provided for the regiment of this Colony upon the present expedition.

Ordered, That Mr. Giles Hamlin, of Middletown, shall go upon the present expedition as Under Commissary, to assist Mr. Commissary Christophers in the service; and that he shall be allowed and paid wages for his service therein equal to the wages of lieutenants, and have one months wages paid to him before he goes.

Ordered, That there shall be allowed and paid to Colonel William Whiting, before he goes from this place, one months pay *viz*t. fifteen pounds, towards his wages for his service on the present expedition.

Ordered, That an order be forthwith drawn by the Secretary, directed to Capt. John Prentts of New London, to deliver one barrel of gunpowder belonging to this Colony, now in his hands, which he lately had and received of his brother Mr. Jonathan Prentts, unto Mr. John Plumb of New London, for the use of the regiment of this Colony on the present expedition.

Ordered and resolved, That the Treasurer do forthwith deliver one months pay to Doctor Laborie and Mr. Commissary Christophers, on the present expedition, before they go from New London.

Ordered and agreed, That Mr. John Wheelar, of Stratfield, and Mr. John Copp, of Norwalk, be improved as Doctors and Chyrurgeons on the present expedition against Port Royal, and that there shall be paid to each of them by the Treasurer the sum of five pounds, as a months pay for that service.

Ordered and agreed, That with all speed there shall be issued forth warrants directed to the majors of the several counties in this Colony, requiring them to furnish their full proportions of men (some of each county being yet wanting) to make up the number of 300 in the whole, for the present expedition against Port Royal.

It is ordered and agreed, That the Treasurer do forthwith pay out of the treasury of this Colony, to the several persons hereafter named, the sums to them respectively set and affixed, as hereafter follows, for satisfying and paying the several disbursements for setting forth the present expedition against Port Royal and Nova Scotia, (their particular accompts whereof having been examined and allowed, are on file.) That is to say,

	£	s.	d.
To Major Samuel Eells, as per account on file,	70	17	3.
To Colonel Wm Whiting, for one months wages,	15	0	0
To ditto, for his account on file,	12	16	10
To Major John Clark, for his account on file,	50	3	0
To Mr. Giles Hamlin, under commissary, for one months pay,	04	13	4

	£	s.	d.
To Mr. Commissary Christophers, for one months pay,	05	16	8
To Doctor Laborie, for one months pay,	05	16	8
To Doctor John Wheelar, for one months pay,	05	00	0
To Doctor John Copp, for one months pay,	05	00	0
To Capt. William Eely, for his account on file,	12	05	6
To Mr. John Vryling, for his account on file,	27	00	4
To Daniel Shaply, for his account on file,	05	09	0
To Richard Douglas, for his account on file,	05	02	4
To Jacob Waterhouse, for his account on file,	00	15	4
To John Butlar, for his account on file,	1	9	4
To John Rogers, for his account on file,	1	4	6
To Mr. Richard Christophers jun^{r}, for his account on file,	22	9	2
To Lieut. John Richards, for his account on file,	64	3	6
To Mr. Christopher Christophers, for his account on file,	8	14	2
To Mrs. Alford, for her account on file,	3	13	4
To Samuel Douglas, cooper, for one months pay,	1	15	0
To Thomas Dart, cooper, for one months pay,	1	15	0
To Capt. John Prents, for his account on file,	16	3	7
To Mr. Samuel Doty, master of the sloop 6 Friends, and his men, towards wages,	15	10	0
To Mr. John Burroughs, master of the sloop Elizabeth, and his men, towards wages,	15	0	0
To Capt. Moses Mansfield, master of the brigantine Mary, and his men, towards wages,	24	15	0
To Capt. John Prentts, for piloting the transport ship called the Mary Gally,	08	10	0
To Major Jno. Livingston, for his account on file,	00	10	3
To Richard Christophers, Esqr, for his account on file,	39	18	11
To Samuel Rogers jun^{r}, for his account on file,	03	2	0
To Thomas Bennett, for his account on file,	00	8	0

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST 28th, ANNO DOM. 1710.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*
The Worshipfull Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,
John Hamlin, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Richard Christophers, Esqr, *Assistant.*
Capt. Joseph Whiting, *Treasurer.*
Coll^{o} William Whiting, *Freeman.*
Jonathan Prentts, Esqr, *Jus. Pac.*

It is ordered and resolved, That Richard Christophers, Esqr, do pay out of the Colony's bills now in his hands, to Lieut. Colo. Johnson eight shillings, and to Major John Burr eight shillings, for the service of their horses in coming to New London, to go on the present expedition; and also to pay to Major Samuel Eells

twenty shillings for conveying three horses home from New London, belonging to said Johnson and Burr and Doctor Laborie, and bearing their charge by the way.

Ordered and agreed, That the Treasurer do put into the hand of Capt. Moses Mansfield, commodore of our transports, the sum of twenty pounds in bills, that therewith he may buy provision on the way to Nantaskett, if he shall have opportunity, for the better supply of the forces.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST 29TH, ANNO DOM: 1710.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour*,
The Worshipfull Daniel Wetherell, Esqr.
John Hamlin and Richd Christophers, Esqrs, *Assistants*.
Capt. Joseph Whiting, *Treasurer*.
Colo. William Whiting, *Freeman*.
Caleb Stanly, *Secretary*.

Agreed and ordered, That John Hamlin, Esqr, and Colo. Wm Whiting, if they shall judge it necessary when they come to Boston and meet our regiment there, shall hire upon the Colony's charge one more transport vessel, for the use of our regiment on the expedition against Port Royal.

Ordered and agreed, That the Treasurer shall pay fifteen pounds more to Colo. Wm Whiting, as one more months pay, before he goes from New London.

Ordered, That Mr. Richard Christophers junr do go to Boston with Capt. Hamlin and the commissary, and assist the commissary there in providing stores for our regiment; and that he do now forthwith receive from the Treasurer all such money as he shall be directed to deliver to him, for procuring the said stores; and that he and the commissary do pay out of the said money so much as shall be necessary for the procuring all stores of provision, clothing, arms, and other things for the furnishing out our regiment; taking the advice of Capt. Hamlin and Colo. Whiting therein. And that the commissary and the said Richard Christophers do speedily render a particular account of all their payments and disbursements of the said money, to Richard Christophers, Esqr.

Ordered, That Richd Christophers, Esqr, and Mr. John Plumb do receive the accounts of the charge arisen in the town of New London on the present expedition, and examine the same, and lay them before this Board.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do deliver and pay all the remaining part of the four thousand pounds which he hath brought to New London, by order of this Board, to Mr. Richard Christophers junr, to carry to Boston; taking his receipt for the same.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON AUGUST 30TH, 1710.

Present:

The Hon[ble] Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq[r], *Governour.*

Daniel Wetherell, Esq[r], John Hamblin, Rich[d] Christophers, } *Assistants.*

Jonathan Prentts, John Plumbe, George Denison. } *Justices.*

Ordered, That Mr. Richard Christophers jun[r] deliver to Capt. John Hamblin and Coll. William Whiting, as a present made by the General Assembly to Coll. Nicholson and Coll Veach, the sum of fifty pounds of the countries, that is in his hands.

The Governour's letter to the Hon[ble] Andrew Belcher was read in Council, bearing date August 30th, 1710.

The commissary presented in Council an account of the payments made by him out of the two hundred pounds which he received of the Treasurer, amounting to £57 3*s.* 2*d.*, and he is now ordered to pay the remainder of the £200, being £142 16*s.* 10*d.*, to Richard Christophers, Assistant.

Ordered, That Richard Christophers, Esq[r], pay to Capt. John Hamlin out of the country bills in his hands, the sum of twenty pounds, for defraying his own charge, Col. Whitings, and several others in the countries service to Boston.

AUGUST 26TH, 1710.

Several payments made by the Treasurer are as followeth, *viz:*

Coll. William Whiting,	191	6	08
Lieut. Coll. Johnson,	176	6	08
Maj[r] John Burr,	183	14	08
Capt. Roger Newton,	187	03	04
Maj[r] Clarke,	050	03	00
More to Coll. Whiting,	014	00	00
More to Maj[r] Burr,	011	08	00
To Mr. Richard Christophers and Maj[r] Clark,	011	04	00
More to Coll. Johnson,	011	08	00
More to Coll. Whiting,	03	03	00
More to Capt. Newton,	06	00	00
More to Coll. Whiting,	07	16	00
To Maj[r] Eals,	70	17	03
To Capt. Moses Mansfield,	20	00	00
To several payments in a general bill,	336	05	09
Capt. John Prentts,	008	10	00
To the three masters of the transports,	055	05	00
To Maj[r] Burr and others,	014	04	00
To Commissary Christophers,	200	00	00
	1558	15	04
To payd to Mr. Richard Christophers jun[r], per order,	2441	05	00
	4000	00	04

The several payments abovementioned, amounting to the sum of four thousand pounds, have been made by the Treasurer by order of the Governour and Council, and the particular accounts thereof delivered to Richard Christophers, Esqr, pursuant to the order of the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay himself, out of the publique treasury of this Colony, for sixteen days service on account of Port Royal expedition, the sum of four pounds sixteen shillings, as cash.

Ordered, That Richard Christophers, Esqr, pay out of the country bills in his hands unto Mr. John Plumbe of New London four pounds fourteen shillings.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEW LONDON SEPT. THE 29TH, 1710.

Present:
The Honble Governour,
Daniel Wetherell, } *Assistants.*
Richard Christophers }
John Plumbe, *Justice.*
Capt. John Prentts,
Lieut. John Richards,
George Denison.

Ordered, That Richard Christophers, Esqr, pay out of the country bills in his hands the several sums following, *viz:*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Daniel Wetherell, Esqr,	2	2	0	To John Coit,	5	14	00
To Richard Christophers, Esqr,	6	18	4	To Peter Harris,	1	11	00
To Joseph Truman,	0	07	9	To Eben^r Griffing,	2	18	00
To Benjamin Starr,	0	13	9	To Jonas Green,	4	01	00
To Samuel Rogers jun^r,	1	04	0	To George Denison,	1	16	08
To John Picket,	3	08	10	To Richd Christophers jun^r,	6	05	09
To Lieut. Lattemore,	2	09	00	To John Hawke,	0	15	00
To Mr. John Edgcumbe,	2	19	06	To George Denison, for being clerk of the Council to this day,	2	00	00
To Jonathan Prentts,	2	09	10				
To Lieut. Richards,	3	09	03				
To Lieut. Richards,	5	19	00				
To Mr. John Arnold,	2	12	06				
To the widow Plumbe,	1	04	00				
To Solomon Coit,	0	09	06				
To John Plumbe,	1	00	06				

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEWHAVEN OCTOBER 18TH, ANNO DOM. 1710.

Present:

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,	Josiah Rossetter, Esqr,	*Assistants.*
William Pitkin, Esqr,	John Haynes, Esqr,	
Joseph Curtis, Esqr,	Samuel Eells, Esqr,	
John Chester, Esqr,	Mathew Allyn, Esqr,	

Ordered, That Richard Christophers, Esqr, do pay to Capt. John Hamlin of Middletown, the sum of eleven pounds and fifteen shillings in bills of credit of the Colony's in said Christophers' hands, to satisfie the said Hamlin for so much due to him from the Colony for a journey to Boston with his man and horses, in August and September last, to assist in fitting out our men on the expedition against Port Royal; and that the Secretary do draw an order to the said Mr. Christophers to pay the same.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do pay to John Alling of Newhaven, Esqr, the sum of 8*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* in bills, being the balance due to said Alling for the cost and charge of his sickness at Hartford the last winter, whilst on the Colony's service there.

Ordered, That the Treasurer do pay to Thomas Wileman of Danbury nineteen shillings and eight pence in bills, in consideration of his great loss by fire.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL IN NEWHAVEN OCTOBER 27TH, ANNO DOM. 1710.

The Honourable Gurdon Saltonstall, Esqr, *Governour.*

Nathanael Stanly, Esqr,	Josiah Rossetter, Esqr,	*Assistants.*
William Pitkin, Esqr,	John Haynes, Esqr,	
Joseph Curtis, Esqr,	Samuel Eells, Esqr,	
John Chester, Esqr,	Mathew Allyn, Esqr,	

Upon a representation made to this Board by Moses Gilbert of Fairfield, of his great loss and sufferings in his estate by the enemy, but more especially that by the hardship he underwent while he was a prisoner with the enemy the last summer he endured a long sickness, was put to great charge, and at last necessitated to have his leg cut off, whereby he is put to great streights for a livelyhood: The Governour and Council do grant and allow, that the said Moses Gilbert (applying himself to the Honble Nathan Gold, Esqr, and Major Peter Burr, both of the said town of Fairfield, and more immediately knowing to the circumstances of the said Gilbert, (but both now absent from Council) for their consent hereunto, and obtaining the same) may have a collection made for his relief in the several towns of the county of Fairfield, in such manner and form as the said Nathan Gold and Peter Burr, Esqr,

shall direct. And that a copy of this grant, signed by the Secretary of this Colony, shall be sent to the said persons, which being subscribed by them, together with the needful direction abovementioned, shall be a sufficient lycense for the making of such collections in the several towns of the said county, and for the end therein mentioned.

ERRATA.

Page 173, line 8 from bottom, *for* Trumble *read* Trumbull.
Page 249, line 15, *for* Samuel *read* Lemuel.
Page 279, line 4 from bottom, *for* Ephraim *read* Epaphras.

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Page 386, line 14, *for* Joseph Braynard and John Wells, *read* Joseph Arnold and James Wells. — It was an error of the Secretary, as appears by the petition in *Towns and Lands*, ii, 87.

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